

The Bethel News.

VOLUME X.—NUMBER 2

BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1904.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

Separate Coats.

The Separate Coats this season come in very many pretty styles, made from covert cloth, chevrot, broadcloth and flannel. We can show you a fine line for Ladies, Misses and Children.

- ONE LOT Ladies' Covert cloth coats, fitted back, straight front, strapped seams, satin lined, coat sleeve, \$6.50
- ONE LOT Ladies' black pebble chevrot coats, fitted back, stitched collar, with small buttons, taffeta lined, large sleeve, \$9.50
- ONE LOT Misses' covert coats, loose back, unlined, large sleeve, no collar, \$4.98
- ONE LOT Children's linen coats, good quality, sailor collars, trimmed with applique, very neat, \$2.50

Shirt Waists.

We are having new styles every few days. We have a great many styles in white lawn this week.

- ONE LOT made from good lawn, tucked front with two rows insertion and five clusters of pin tucks, large sleeve, faggotted collar, \$0.98

Many other pretty styles, all prices.

Thomas Smiley

Telephone 112-2.

NORWAY MAINE.

M. E. Church Notes.

On Sabbath morning, June 5, will be preached the Passover sermon, followed by the administration of the sacrament to all Christians who will come to the table of our Lord. It is proposed to make this day a time of special consecration to the work of the succeeding months. The pastor here with sends invitation to all our people to be present. In the evening, the first part of a prophecy, entitled "The Revival of the Twentieth Century," will be delivered. It is possible that some special religious services may follow during the week.

On Monday evening, June 6, by orders of the new president, Miss Mary Cummings, the first business meeting of the Epworth League under the direction of the newly elected officers, will be held at the vestry. Important business comes to hand. Let every member of the chapter who can possibly be present come to this meeting.

The Class meetings on Tuesday evenings are seasons of helpfulness and interest. Though the attendance has not yet reached the size that it ought to, yet, as compared with many of our churches our Class is well sustained. The leader is always at his post.

By order of the Secretary, the weekly meeting of the Ladies' Church Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Emma Robertson on Mason street, Friday afternoon of this week. Important matters need attention. Please attend.

Services at Mason church next Sabbath June 5. All interested please take notice. At 2:30 p. m. Methodist services resumed at Locke Mills June 19.

In connection with the Epworth League business meeting on Monday evening, the pastor desires to announce that he will give his impressions of Los Angeles and the general Conference. All who are interested, whether members of the League or not, are invited.

CASORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Signature: *Chas. H. Little*

THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bean entertained Mr. Bean's sister, Mrs. Lane last week.

Mr. Alfred True was in Portland Sunday and Monday.

Alton Richardson and Chester Bean are home from U. of M.

Mr. George Currier spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Garey.

Gilbert Tuell was home from Bowdoin the first of the week.

Miss Annie Cross of Berlin is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. P. Bean.

Mr. Ellis Lane of Upton was in the village on business last week.

Mr. Silas F. Peaslee of Upton was down on business last week.

Dana Philbrook and daughter Ernestine were in Lewiston Saturday.

Miss Birdelle Richardson spent Sunday with her parents at Lisbon Center.

Miss Edith Farwell of Gilead is spending the week with Mrs. Alice Farwell.

Mrs. Ward and Misses Ethel and Eva Randall arrived from Beverly, Mass., Tuesday.

John Nelson of the News office visited his brother Earle at Buckfield over Sunday.

Frank King who is employed at Cuscutic, is spending a short vacation at home.

Mrs. S. L. Hawley of Mechanic Falls visited her father, T. B. Kendall, over Sunday.

Mrs. N. E. Richardson has been spending three days with her parents in Norway.

Mr. Charles E. Arno of Gorham, N. H., spent Monday with his brother, E. L. Arno.

Mr. John L. Dyer arrived in town, last night, to attend the Commencement exercises.

Mrs. Llewellyn Pratt of Cambridge, Mass., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Farwell.

Mrs. Clinton Metcalf and daughter are guests of Mrs. Metcalf's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Walker.

Mrs. George W. Richardson of Brunswick spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. S. B. Goodwin.

Dr. J. A. Morton has been more comfortable for the past two weeks. He is able to be out of doors a very little.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holt of Andover, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Purington, Mrs. Holt's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hobbs of Worcester, Mass., are spending a few days at Mr. S. B. Twitchell's of Mayville.

Arthur Richardson has joined the surveying crew of A. M. Carter, in the employ of the Berlin Mills Co.

Mrs. Roxanna Bean returned from Augusta, where she had been to visit her son, Scott Godwin, Tuesday evening.

Miss Bertha Williams of Kennebunk spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Barker as the guest of Miss Daisy Dixon.

On Friday morning at nine o'clock at Riverside Park, the Academy base ball team will play a team composed of members of the alumni. This bids fair to be an interesting game, and the boys want to see a goodly number in attendance. Don't disappoint them.

Miss Ernestine Philbrook gave a lawn party to several of her young friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Philbrook, last Monday afternoon. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, and lemonade regaled the merry children and a happy afternoon was spent.

Mr. F. Percy Bartlett of East Bethel who has been suffering of consumption for many months passed away at his home Tuesday evening at the age of twenty four years. Mr. Bartlett made a desperate struggle for life but all in vain. He leaves a host of warm friends who will keenly feel his death. The funeral will be held at the East Bethel church on Friday at 10 a. m.

Mrs. E. T. Russell, daughter Shirley, and sister, Miss Mary Shirley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived at their cottage last Friday.

Sam Gibson has nearly recovered from the recent injury to his foot caused by a nail on which he alighted as he vaulted a fence.

Herman Brock, the young son of J. Melvin Brock, of Brookton, Mass., who has been very ill of pleuro-pneumonia, is reported as out of danger.

Miss Hall and Miss Burnham have very appropriately and prettily decorated their show windows in white and green, the class colors of G. A., 1904.

Perry Bean of Albany, Howard Philbrook of Shelburne and Earl Philbrook of West Milan were in town last week on their way home from the U. of M.

There will be no meeting of Relief Corps, June 2. Special meeting called Thursday evening, June 9, to complete unfinished business. All are requested to be present.

A meeting will be held in Relief Corps hall on Saturday evening, June 4, to arrange for an organization of the Sons of Veterans. All interested are requested to be present.

The remains of Mrs. Will L. Grover were brought to Bethel Tuesday for burial. Mrs. Grover removed to Harrison several years ago. She had been an invalid for many years but her cheerfulness and christian fortitude were an inspiration to all who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover had many friends in Bethel who extend deep sympathy to him and the bereaved sister and children.

Reception to Gould's Academy.

One of the most delightful occasions of the year was the reception given by Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Colson last Thursday evening in honor of the Senior class of Gould's Academy. The home was appropriately decorated with evergreen and white pinks, the color scheme being carried out with the Senior class colors. Mr. and Mrs. Colson together with the members of the Senior class and the teachers of the Academy formed the reception line to receive the undergraduate students and other invited friends. The members of the Junior class arrived promptly at eight o'clock, the Sophomores fifteen minutes later and Freshmen last, each class being fully represented.

After all the guests had been received, the formality was broken by a ringing school yell for "Old Gould's" in which all the students joined. An excellent musical program followed, including piano selections by Misses Billings, Hall and King, vocal solos by Mr. Colson and Miss Gibson, banjo and mandolin solos by Miss Norton, varied by readings by Mrs. Vandekerckhoven. Sumptuous refreshments of ice cream and cake, salads, sandwiches, olives and punch were served in the dining room separately to each class, while the rest of the company sang college songs and propounded conundrums. Throughout the evening Mr. and Mrs. Colson proved themselves the most graceful and entertaining host and hostess, and all those who were present pronounced the evening an exceedingly enjoyable one.

The students and friends of the Academy appreciate the kindness and interest of the friends who thus by opening their home to the students, afford them the privilege of instruction in social forms and manners as well as much pleasurable entertainment.

Congregational Church Notes.

Topic of the morning sermon, "Preparing to Graduate," Sunday school lesson, "The Church in Galatia."

Christian Endeavor meeting at seven o'clock. Topic, "How my silence witnesses against Christ."

At 7:30, the bi-weekly Shakespeare services. Readings and lessons from Macbeth.

You are invited to all these services.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

Ladies' and Misses' lace hose at L. M. Stearns.

The four large steel engravings displayed in the store windows of Odd Fellows Block are offered for sale by H. O. Archibald, NEWS office.

Dainty lunch sets of crepe paper, consisting of tablecover, napkins and doilies, in rose, violet, and palm leaf designs, at Miss L. C. Hall's. Just the thing for piazza lunches and afternoon teas.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

The Commencement exercises of Gould's Academy began Sunday afternoon at the Congregational church where the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. F. E. Barton. Mr. Barton has ever had a keen interest in education and especially in the work of Gould's Academy, and his discourse was a practical and inspiring one, sparkling with much that the boys and girls should take to themselves and apply in the life before them.

The church was appropriately decorated and pleasing music was furnished by a chorus led by Dr. G. L. Sturdivant. The exercises by the senior class will be given in Odeon hall to-morrow afternoon. The following is the program:

1. Music.
2. Invocation.
3. Music.
4. Salutatory—Life and Existence, William Clifford Brooks.
5. The Days of Chivalry, *Mary Lovejoy Carter.
6. The Universal Language, Gwendolyn Iva Stearns.
7. True Greatness, Gladys Rose Wiley.
8. Music.
9. Class Oration—No Such Word as Fail, Harry Woodbury Purington.
10. Grecian Architecture, *Edna Mae Stearns.
11. Class History, Ada Claire Richardson.
12. Address to Undergraduates, Agnes Linwood Barton.
13. Music.
14. Class Prophecy, Helen Estella Bisbee.
15. Presentation of Class Gifts, Nina Florine Bean.
16. Music.
17. Presentation of Gifts to Class, Edith Roberts Hastings.
18. Choice—Valedictory Address, Margaret Roberts Whidden.
19. Music.
20. Conferring of Diplomas.
21. Singing of Class Ode.
22. Benediction.

On Thursday evening the Commencement concert will be given in Odeon Hall by the Lotus Quartette of Lewiston. This quartette never fails to enthuse a Bethel audience and a full house is anticipated.

- PROGRAM.
1. "Autumn Sunset," Goring Lotus Quartette.
 2. Soprano Solo—"Waltz Song," Bailey Miss Beare.
 3. Violin Solo—"Hungarian Air and Dance," Nachez Mr. Holding.
 4. Selection—Lotus Quartette.
 5. Monologue—"The Singing Lesson," Original Miss Livermore.
 6. Baritone Solo—Selected, Mr. Jordan.
 7. "Jenks' Vegetable Compound," Macey (Humorous).
 8. Violin Solo—Selected, Mr. Holding.
 9. Monologue—"A Parish Call," Original Miss Livermore.
 10. Soprano Solo—"O Dry Those Tears," Teresa Del Riego, Miss Beare.
 11. "Heaven's Land," (Sacred), Van De Water Lotus Quartette.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Harry Purington, Bethel, | 6613 |
| Lyman Wheeler, Bethel, | 5835 |
| Gottard Carlson, Bethel, | 3757 |
| Miss Ethel Allen, West Bethel, | 2549 |

Letters for the following are advertised at the postoffice:
Mr. Austin Jodrey.
Fred Mundt.
Mrs. Archable White.

Memorial Exercises.

Bethel had its usual Memorial exercises which opened Sunday morning when, the members of Brown Post, Brown Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, school children and a large body of citizens met in union Memorial services at the Congregational church. An interesting and able Memorial sermon was delivered by the pastor of the Universalist church, Rev. A. D. Colson. Excellent music was furnished by a chorus made up from the choirs of the various churches under the leadership of Prof. W. S. Wight.

Memorial day was all that could be hoped for, just cool enough for comfortable marching. As previously arranged, the veterans met early at Relief Corps Hall and were detailed for services at the various cemeteries in and around Bethel. In the forenoon detachments were sent to East Bethel, Middle Intervale, West Bethel and Mason, where exercises, consisting of selections by the school children and remarks by pastors of churches, and veterans were held.

At 1.00 p. m. the veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, school children and citizens met again in front of Relief Corps Hall and marched to the music of the Bethel drum corps to Woodlawn cemetery, where very pretty exercises by the Woman's Relief Corps and school children were held; after which ranks were broken and flags and wreaths were placed on the graves of the departed soldiers.

This year, perhaps more than ever before, the occasion reminds us of the brevity of life, as we notice the thinning out of the ranks of the old soldiers. Never before have we seen so short a procession on the march to Woodlawn cemetery, and we are reminded that the time is soon at hand when others must come forward and take their places in the keeping of Memorial day and paying the Memorial tributes to the heroes who went to the front and gave their lives to uphold the nation's flag and the nation's honor.

It is interesting to know that there is a movement on foot for the organization of an order of The Sons of Veterans in Bethel. Certainly all who are eligible to become members of this organization, should do so, and all liberty-loving citizens of our town and country should be quick to appreciate the importance of a proper and lasting observance of Memorial day. It is a duty which we not only owe the soldiers who fought for our country to perpetuate their memory, but it is also a duty which we owe our country in keeping alive this keen enthusiastic patriotism which means so much to a good healthy citizenship. May all who are eligible attend the meeting for the organization of the order of The Sons of Veterans to be held at Relief Corps Hall, next Saturday evening.

At 7.30 the various organizations met at Relief Corps Hall and marched to the Congregational church for the final exercises of the day. After several selections of fitting music by the same chorus which furnished the music for Sunday morning, and prayer by Rev. C. N. Gleason, Comrade True presented Richard Gately of Portland as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Gately served during the Civil war in the navy and upon request of the committee, he confined his remarks to the work of the navy.

He stated at the start that he was not a Memorial orator, that the valiant services of the "boys in blue" upon the land was an oft repeated story, and that he would confine himself to the record made by the navy during those four years of carnage; and in his remarks he gave, in as much detail as time would allow, the work assigned to the navy, picturing the awful scenes through which they passed and giving the results of their efforts. The address on the whole was interesting and instructive and was fully appreciated by the many listeners present.

In Bengal there are nearly 1,000,000 acres of land devoted exclusively to the cultivation of the poppy for the manufacture of opium.

Graduation Gifts.

Dainty articles in silver and jewelry, suitable for Graduation Gifts, all prices.
Some special values in watches suitable for the occasion.

EDWARD KING,

Jeweler and Optician,
BETHEL, MAINE.

N. Dayton Bolster & Co.,

Our new spring line of

Carpets, Mattings, Rugs, Art Squares, Oil Cloths, Linoleums,

are nearly all in stock. We have the best and largest line of "CUT ORDER" samples in Tapestry and Brussels we have ever shown.

35 Market Square,
South Paris, Maine.

ARE YOU GOING TO BUY

A NEW

BICYCLE

this season? If so buy the

Waldo

None better and few as good.

If you cannot afford a new one bring in the old one and have it fixed up. All kinds of repairing promptly done. Nice line of sundries. Give me a call.

A. F. STOWELL,
Near Station, Bethel, Maine.

E. C. Vandekerckhoven.

ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHER,

29 MAIN ST.
BETHEL, MAINE.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of B. FRANK BLAKE, late of Gilead, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. St. April 19, Elery C. Park.

W. S. Wight has secured the Schubert Ladies' Quartette of South Paris to assist in the Stanford Mitchell Concert at Odeon Hall, Tuesday evening, June 14. This quartette has been singing together for the past three years, with fine success, for many different entertainments all over the county. They were invited to sing at the State Sunday School Convention, last fall; and the best judges of music who were there from Portland and eastern Maine said they never heard anything better. Their light and shading and blending together is excellent. A male quartette is also expected to sing and it is safe to say, with the great tenor, Mr. Mitchell, this will be one of the best concerts ever given in Bethel. Programme will come out in next week's paper.

BUSINESS CARDS.

MISS E. E. BURNHAM,
Millinery, Fancy Goods and Jewelry,
BETHEL, ME.

HERRICK & PARK,
Attorneys at Law,
BETHEL, ME.

H. H. HASTINGS,
Attorney-at-Law,
Frye office, Bethel, Me.

A. W. GROVER,
Pension Attorney,
28 Main St., BETHEL, MAINE.
Office days the last three of each week.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.
DR. GARDNER L. STURDIVANT,
Physician & Surgeon,
Office in Residence, BETHEL.
opposite Odeon Hall.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.
DR. I. H. WIGHT,
Physician and Surgeon,
Office in Residence at
Wormell Stand, BETHEL, MAINE.

J. WALDO NASH,
Licensed Taxidermist,
NORWAY, MAINE.
Telephone Connection.

WORLD'S FAIR.

ST. LOUIS, MO.
April 30th to December 1st, 1904.

REDUCED RATES FROM BETHEL.
Limit 15 Days. \$26.00
Limit 60 Days. \$31.95
Limit until December 15th, \$38.30

FOR ROUND TRIP.
Tickets on sale daily, until Decem-
ber 18th, 1904.
Stop-overs allowed at Chicago,
Port Huron, Detroit and any Point
in Canada.

**Tickets good by Niagara Falls in
either direction.**

**WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS APL. 30-
DEC. 1, 1904.**
Palace of Education, 400 x 600 feet.
Electricity Building, 523 x 750 feet.

Time Table in Effect Oct. 4, 1903.
TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave.	1.45	8.30
Gorham,	4.00	8.30
Gilead,	4.25	8.38
West Bethel,	4.38	8.47
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53
Lockes Mills,	4.50	9.00
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.05
South Paris,	5.38	9.30
Lewiston,	6.40	10.30
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.15
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10
Boston, via boat,	A. M.	3.00

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	7.00
Lewiston,	9.00	7.50
South Paris,	10.00	8.38
Bryant Pond,	10.28	8.47
Lockes Mills,	10.35	8.47
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	8.53
West Bethel,	10.54	9.42
Gilead,	11.05	9.59
Gorham,	11.30	10.25
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50
Montreal,	6.50	7.30
Toronto,	7.15	4.50
Chicago,	8.45	7.20

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M.,
East and 9.37 P. M., West, runs every
day; all others every day except Sunday.
Sunday paper train leaves Portland at
7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M.,
and at Berlin 12.15 P. M. Returning
leaves Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel, 5.05
P. M.

J. H. O'CONNOR, Agent.

E. E. WHITNEY & Co.
BETHEL, ME.

**Marble & Granite
Workers.**

**Chaste Designs.
First-Class workmanship.**

Letters of inquiry promptly
answered. See our work.

Get our prices.
Satisfaction Guaranteed.

E. E. WHITNEY & CO.

CALL AT
R. E. L. FARWELL'S,
and see
what you can find
that is

good to eat.

if you don't see what you want,
ask for it

**PISO'S CURE FOR
CROUPS WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS.**
Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use
in time. Sold by druggists.

THE
WEB OF
FATE

Or, A Revolutionary Scout

By BYRON DOWLING

CHAPTER XV.
THE SHARPSHOOTERS' COURT
MARTIAL.

The "Sharpshooters," after their
victorious pursuit of the "Dragoons,"
fell back to Danforth's house, where
they were soon joined by their com-
rades who had been so well armed at
Augusta. Pigs and chickens were
slaughtered, and the huge kitchen
chimney was soon occupied by a dozen
amateur cooks, while others pre-
pared a long table before the house
for the coming breakfast. In the
meantime a few who were somewhat
tired, stole a little sleep, but a large
majority of the men passed the night
in congratulations. Gray hunters,
weather-browned by exposure, recapit-
ulated their visit to Augusta, and
vowed that the successful stratagem
"beat coon hunting all hollow." Nor
were those who had been left behind
less eloquent in self-glorification, as
they narrated their exodus from the
camp, or their subsequent attack.

As the sun rose the bugles rang out
the matin-call, quickly followed by
"peas on a trencher," the signal for
breakfast. A more bountiful repast
never gladdened hungry appetites,
nor was there any lack of applicants
for the rich golden contents of a bar-
rel of the host's old apple brandy. It
was a jovial scene, nor did a single
brow appear clouded by the thought
that perhaps the men and some of
the revellers would lay ghastly
corpses upon a bloody field. An at-
tack upon the "Stronghold" had been
decided upon, but those who bear
arms think little of death.

"Gentlemen," said Sergeant Jones,
"here we are, eating and drinking,
yet not saying a word about the man
that entertains us. Now he is a Yan-
kee, we all know, but his Yankee
trick at Augusta was hard to beat." Here
loud cheers interrupted the speaker,
who soon resumed with more con-
fidence. "He hasn't come from
over the sea, but he don't go over to
the enemy." Again shouts of applause
greeted the orator. "And let's have
him to head us, and no one else."

Reiterated cheers were followed by
calls for "Danforth! Danforth!"
"Fellow-soldiers," said he, rising at
the head of the table, "it is not many
years since I first came here, from
my northern birthplace. The fruits
of my industry are visible around us
—nor did I seek to take part in public
affairs until the outbreak of this glo-
rious war. Our position then is known
to all of you, and if I assumed the part
of a fox, the spoils of my 'Yankee
trick' will enable many of you to fight
like lions. Gentlemen — fellow-sol-
diers, and here his voice faltered.
"Inexplicable circumstances have de-
prived us of our commander. Young,
soldier-like, and with the highest re-
commendations, I had hoped he would
have won our confidence, and have
led us to victory. I fear we have all
been sadly mistaken, but no matter.
We'll be true to the cause of liberty,
and if you wish me to head you until
General Marion can detail some one,
I am proud to accept."

This modest harangue was warmly
received, nor had the echoes of the
cheers died away when a man came
riding up to the head of the table.

"Surely the British are not coming,"
exclaimed Danforth, recognizing the
sergeant of a patrol sent out upon the
road to the "Stronghold."

"No! but Major London is coming,
and I thought you'd like to know it."
There was an angry movement
among those who heard this an-
nouncement, but Danforth at once
checked it.

"Listen! The first man that lays a
hand on that young man, or insults
him, dies! It looks as though he was
criminally guilty, but, notwithstanding,
he may be innocent!"

"Doubted! grumbled Sergeant
Jones.
"Silence, sir!" continued Danforth.
"Now I want you to take your rifles
and fall in, while I send the adjutant
and a guard to arrest him. I don't
mean to move until afternoon, so
there's time enough to give him a fair
trial, and if proved guilty, let him suf-
fer the consequences."

"That's fair!" exclaimed several, and
soon the sergeants were forming
their respective squads, while Lyd-
ston, with a sad heart, was sent on his
mission.

He did not go far, for he soon met
Rupert Lydston, coming along the
road. The patrol had ridden into a by-
path, but quickly returned to the road
after he had passed, and now cut off
his retreat.

"Of treason, I regret to say," con-
tinued Lydston. "Need I add, that I
do not for a moment credit the
charge."

"Treason!" said Rupert, with a start
of astonishment. Then with a sar-
castic smile, he bowed low: "But I
will not make your duty unpleasant;
I am your prisoner, sir."

Ordering the squad to fall in on
either side, Lydston walked by the
side of the now troubled Rupert to
Danforth's house, where a sergeant
met them.

This way," he said, and soon Ru-
pert found himself locked up in a high
square log house, built for curing and
the safe keeping of the winter sup-
ply of bacon. In a state of vague an-
xiety, and with a heavy heart, he paced
to and fro, occasionally stopping to
gaze through one of the many crevices
at the scene without. A numerous
guard surrounded his place of impris-
onment, and soon the remainder of
the "Sharpshooters" were formed in a
hollow square before his door. The
meaning of these preparations he knew
too well, and searching were the
questions that he occasionally asked
himself, but his conscience was un-
sullied. He could but repine, however,
at his lot, for just as the bright sun-
shine of Aurora's love had begun to
beam through his stormy life, a death-
cloud had come to oppose it. No mat-
ter. He was innocent.

When the square was formed, Dan-
forth accompanied by the other offi-
cers, entered it.

"Soldiers," said he, "I only hold au-
thority from your suffrages, although
in these perilous hours we are not too
aloof upon the points of etiquette. But
is it your minds that Rupert Lydston
be now tried by a drum-head court
martial, for charges to be preferred
against him by Sergeant Jones?"

There was a unanimous shout, that
echoed fearfully in Rupert's heart, of
"Ay!"

"Then, adjutant, select the five sen-
ior commissioned officers," said Dan-
forth.

This was soon done, and when they
had advanced into the centre of the
square, Danforth commanded: "Now
let the prosecutor stand forth! Adjutant,
bring out your prisoner!" A
moment more, the key grated in the
lock, and Rupert, in obedience to a
sign from Lydston, went out, with a
firm step, to face his accuser.

Solemn as is a court of justice, when
capital crimes are tried, it is surpassed
in fearful dignity by a court martial.
No quibbling lawyers pleading on the
side which pays them, make a mock-
ery of justice—no obsolete forms or
antiquated customs are observed
while life is at stake, but the culprit
faces his accuser, and in the hands of
his judges is his earthly existence.

Such were the thoughts of Rupert
Lydston, as he entered the hollow
square, proudly erect in the consci-
ousness of innocence, yet not daring to
look around, lest he should meet un-
friendly glances from those he had
never injured in thought, word or
deed.

"Sergeant Jones," said Danforth,
"you will state your charges."

"Murder and treason. Nothing
short."

"Mr. Lydston," said Danforth, "it is
my peculiar and unpleasant duty to
try you, whom I had fondly expected
to have obeyed as my commander, on
these charges. This is not, I know,
a regularly organized court, but were
it not in session, these exasperated
men around you would have taken the
law into their own hands. To give
you a chance to exculpate yourself, I
ask you to plead to the charges."

"Not guilty of either, as God is my
judge," firmly replied Rupert, laying
his hand upon his heart, and raising
his eyes to heaven. Yet dauntless as
was his demeanor, he felt heart-sick
at his isolated, friendless position.

"Now, Sergeant Jones, for your
charges."

Pulling forth a dirty slip of paper,
as if to refresh his memory, the ex-
asperated sergeant commenced:
"First and foremost, he came with a
British officer from Carolina and stop-
ped at old Maxwell's after that story
had humbugged us. From there he
came to our camp, pretending to have
escaped. When at old Maxwell's he
probably was taken with Miss Rora,
and on his way here, he followed Ad-
jutant Lydston, and watched him meet
her. I saw him as I was looking after
partridges. The next night, feeling
jealous, I s'pose, he tried to stab Ad-
jutant Lydston while he was asleep."

A murmur of censure interrupted the
excited sergeant, and Rupert felt a
deadly faintness steal over his frame
—but he quailed not.

"This," continued the accuser,
"could have been proved by that
Scotch trumpeter, but when the critter
told me of it, he said that the major
was a countryman of his, and was ur-
ging him to desert. Sure enough he
made good. Well, no sooner was the
boy gone to 'Gusta, than the major
was a missing. I trailed him though,
saw him with a redcoat just above
above here, and put out to tell Squire
Danforth. Didn't I?"

"You did. Go on," said Danforth,
in a husky tone of voice, for he felt
outraged by the apparent duplicity of
Rupert.

"I hadn't more than gone, though,
when he sent the trumpeter to old
Maxwell's, where a troop of dragoons
had come meanwhile, and the next
morning he came here to meet them.
I saw him, for I had hurried back.
Well, he sent the trumpeter to show
them the way through Rocky Run to
the camp. He went back to old Max-
well's. The dragoons didn't make
much, so he has come back again. If
this isn't trying to murder, and get-
ting a man to desert, and giving in-
formation to the enemy, and all sorts
of treason, I'd like to know what in
thunder treason is!" said the excited
sergeant.

Rupert listened to all in silence. His
countenance, although it betrayed no
signs of weakness, was pale, and the
muscles around his mouth were occa-
sionally nervously agitated. Truth
and innocence were stamped upon his
brow, and yet the greater portion of
the "Sharpshooters" evidently be-
lieved him guilty. Lowering his brows
and muttering imprecations in one in-
stance broke forth in the menacing
words, "Hang him to the next tree!"

Death! often had Rupert Lydston
braved the grim monster upon the bat-
tle-field, yet now that he was to meet
a felon's doom he felt sick at heart.
Strange images floated through his
mind—hopes which had no basis save
in fancy—chances of escape which
were madly impossible—torturing
doubts which raced his spirit—and in
a few seconds the whole incoherent
mass of ideas became amalgamated
into a sensation of ineffable misery.

"Silence!" commanded Danforth,
and as he spoke it was evident that
if the men were excited, their leader
was perfectly self-possessed. His stern
countenance betokened a determina-
tion to execute justice, but not to suffer
an abuse of power.

"Just keep quiet," he continued,
"and do not let your feelings lead you
astray. Prisoner! what have you to
say in reply to these charges?"

As Rupert essayed to speak, he ex-
perienced a momentary giddiness, with
a choking emotion, but it soon passed
away. A faint hectic flush lit upon his
cheek, as he said, in a manly, dignified
tone:

"I came into this portion of the
world at the request of those around
me animated by a sincere desire to
aid them in battling for their free-
dom. I brought with me my sword,
which has been drawn in defence of
colonial rights—my commission signed
by the illustrious Washington, our
commander-in-chief—and my good
name. Solemnly, before Heaven, do I
declare that I have committed no act
to sully these, my earthly all. Circum-
stances, based on the natural suspicion
against foreigners, have prejudiced
this worthy man against me—yet I do
not believe that he would wrong me
intentionally. But his charges—if
they are deliberate charges upon
which my life depends, are utterly un-
grounded—all I ask for is justice. I
am ready to meet any proof that can
possibly be brought forward. But, as
a stranger in a strange land, I de-
mand a fair trial at the hands of those
who invited me here—whose interests
I have never betrayed—in whose
hands I leave my fate."

These few words, uttered with
heart-felt eloquence, were listened to
with breathless suspense, and their
manly frankness evidently produced
an immediate revulsion of feeling.
The young officer's very appearance,
as he stood like a lion at bay, con-
fronting his pursuers, was in itself
more eloquent than words. His brow
was calm his eyes were clear and
fearless, indeed, his whole bearing
was exactly the reverse of what it
would have been, had he been guilty.

"Mr. Commander," said Adjutant
Lydston, "there must be some mistake
here, rely upon it. So far as I am
concerned I feel confident that no attempt
was made upon my life and I know
that on two occasions when Major
London may have an opportunity of
disproving them."

A murmur of assent greeted this
freely proposition, and Rupert's eyes
glanced true thanks at his ally.

"Will you serve as the prisoner's
counsel?" asked Danforth.

"Then it may be best to adjourn—"
Here he was interrupted by the ser-
geant of the patrol, who came gallop-
ing up.

"What news?" asked a dozen voices.
"Here is a letter for Major Lydston,
sent by a black girl from old Max-
well's, who said that it was very ur-
gent."

Lydston took the note, and handed
it to Rupert. He tore it open, glanced
over the contents, and said:
"Gentlemen, here are tidings of your
enemies that you may not consider
treasonable." And he handed the note
to Danforth, who in his turn read it—
then exclaimed:

"Listen! Miss Rora Maxwell writes
thus: 'The dragoons, not wishing a
repetition of last night's encounter,
are preparing to leave. Hasten here
ere they leave, for you have little
idea of what is going on.' Now, my
lads, saddle your horses, and fall in."
"But what do you do with Major
London in the meantime?" asked
Lydston.

"What can I?" said Danforth. "I
wish to take every man with me."
"Mr. Danforth," remarked Rupert,
in a determined tone, "I came here to
fight the British. Let me accompany
you. If I fail, shoot me as you would
a dog. And after the struggle, I am
your prisoner, will surrender myself
for trial."

"Consarn it, let him go!" exclaimed
Jones, who had lingered about. "I'm
afraid I've wronged you, major. I'm
afraid I have. But if I have, that con-
founded trumpeter is the cause, and
I hope you'll forgive me."

"At any rate," said Danforth, "you
two ride side by side. So Jones, get
Major London my spare horse. I
hope sincerely that all this may yet
be explained."

Half an hour afterwards and the
"Sharpshooters" moved off. In the
centre of the column, between the
horse and the foot, rode Sergeant
Jones and Major London.

(To be continued.)

900 DROPS
CASTORIA
A Vegetable Preparation for As-
similating the Food and Regula-
ting the Stomachs and Bowels of
INFANTS & CHILDREN

Promotes Digestion, Cheerful-
ness and Rest. Contains neither
Opium, Morphine nor Mineral.
NOT NARCOTIC.

Recipe of Old Dr. SAMUEL PITCHER
Pumpkin Seed—
Aloes—
Rochelle Salt—
Syrup—
Sage—
Sulphur—
Castor Oil—
Ginger—
Cloves—
Mint—
Peppermint—
Sassafras—
Sage—
Sulphur—
Castor Oil—
Ginger—
Cloves—
Mint—
Peppermint—
Sassafras—

A Perfect Remedy for Constipa-
tion, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea,
Worms, Convulsions, Feverish-
ness and LOSS OF SLEEP.

Fac Simile Signature of
Dr. H. H. Fitcher
NEW YORK.
At 6 months old
35 Doses—35 CENTS

EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

Result of Vigilance.
"Eternal vigilance is the price of
peace, you know."
"I don't know anything of the kind.
My wife meets me at the head of the
stairs every night, and there's always
war."—Yonkers Herald.

Sympathy.
Mr. Ferguson—Laura, how much
more have you got of this new bread
stuff?
Mrs. Ferguson—Enough to last us
a month yet. That reminds me,
George, that I heard a mouse last
night in the drawer where we keep
it.

Mr. Ferguson—Poor thing!—Chicago
Tribune.

No Love Lost.
Judge (sternly)—Didn't I tell you
last week I never wanted to see you
here again?
Prisoner—Oh, yer honor, I hates th'
sight of 'er 'cause 'er hates th'
sight of me.—Detroit Free Press.

Too Much Culture.
"Uncle Eph, what did you take your
boy out of the night school for?"
"Kase hit made him disrespectful
to his ole dad. He done tole me
udder mawwin' dat I didn't talk good
grammah."—Chicago Tribune.

Convinced.
"Jones froze his ears this morning."
"How?"
"Looking at the thermometer to
find out how cold it was."—Detroit
Free Press.

Sure to Win.
"I have a theory that a man who
fasts has just as much endurance as
a man who doesn't. Now, in a race
between the two, which do you think
would win?"
"Why, the faster, of course."

**Indigestion Causes
Catarrh of the
Stomach.**

For many years it has been supposed that
Catarrh of the Stomach caused indigestion
and dyspepsia, but the truth is exactly
the opposite. Indigestion causes catarrh.
Repeated attacks of indigestion inflame the
mucous membranes lining the stomach, and
expose the nerves of the stomach, thus caus-
ing the glands to secrete mucus instead of
the juices of natural digestion. This is
called Catarrh of the Stomach.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
relieves all inflammation of the mucous
membranes lining the stomach, protects the
nerves, and cures bad breath, sour, (sage),
a sense of fullness after eating, indigestion,
dyspepsia and all stomach troubles.

Kodol Digests What You Eat
Makes the Stomach Sweet.
Bottles only. Regular size, \$1.00, holding 2 1/2 times
the trial size, which sells for 50 cents.
Prepared by E. O. DOWITT & CO., Chicago, Ill.

For Sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel,
Me.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have
Always Bought
Bears the
Signature
of
In Use
For Over
Thirty Years
CASTORIA
THE CASTORIA COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Easy and Quick!
Soap-Making
with
BANNER LYE

To make the very best soap, simply
dissolve a can of **Banner Lye** in cold
water, melt 5 1/2 lbs. of grease, pour the
Lye water in the grease. Stir and put
aside to set.

Full Directions on Every Package
Banner Lye is pulverized. The can
may be opened and closed at will, per-
mitting the use of a small quantity at a
time. It is just the article needed in
every household. It will clean paint,
floors, marble and tile work, soften water,
disinfect sinks, closets and waste pipes.
Write for booklet, "Uses of Banner
Lye"—free.

The Penn Chemical Works, Philadelphia
Charles Richardson & Co., Boston, Mass.

Bordeaux Cordial
THE GREAT
Stomach Remedy,

Acting as a Tonic, Stimulant
and Blood Producer.

It is without a parallel as a gen-
eral and special tonic in all cases of
debility. It meets more conditions
of the invalid than any other ever
produced. It is made from a spe-
cially prepared article by one of the
foremost chemists of the age. As
a Heart and Nerve Tonic it is with-
out an equal.

RECOMMENDATION.
I hereby certify that I have person-
ally used the French Bordeaux Cordial
for which Mr. H. D. Leonard of Gardi-
ner is agent. As a stomach remedy, to
stimulate an appetite and promote di-
gestion it must rank as one of the most
efficient remedies yet known. It has a
tonic effect upon the general system,
increases the circulation, and material-
ly builds up the whole body by its re-
constructive power to one who feels de-
bilitated, when taken according to
directions, it seems to have immediate
effect and creates a feeling of exhilara-
tion that is more permanent than from
any remedy I have ever used.

W. P. GIDDINGS, M. D.
Gardiner, Me., Jan. 12, 1903.

Price, \$1.00.

On Sale at WILEY'S DRUG STORE.

New Line
—OF—
Ladies' and Gents' Boots, Shoes,
and Rubbers.

Shoe Dressings of all kinds.
Rubber and Leather Cement.
Sole Leather by the side.
Crocheted Slipper Soles.
Repairing promptly attended to.

E. E. RANDALL,
MAIN ST., BETHEL.



SO WEAR

Weary and worn out
time. Back weak and la-
aching. Headache. N
Restless. Excitable. Th
neys are sick.

**Doan's
Kidney Pi**

cure every symptom of Kidney
common backache to complicated
disorders.

Mrs. Mark Hyde, of 45 Thorne
Pawtucket, R. I., says: "Doan's
Pills have been used by both my
and two daughters, and the relief
in every case was very satisfac-
tory. My husband was bothered off and on
time with pains across his back,
times became very severe. I saw
Doan's Pills advertised, and pre-
pared to try them, and in a very short time
of the backache. I always keep
Doan's Pills on hand, and would
without them."



SO WEARY.

Weary and worn out all the time. Back weak and lame and aching. Headache, Nervous, Restless, Excitable. The Kidneys are sick.

Doan's Kidney Pills

cure every symptom of Kidney Ills, from common backache to complicated urinary disorders.

Mrs. Mark Hyde, of 45 Thornley street, Pawtucket, R. I., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills have been used by both my husband and two daughters, and the relief obtained in every case was very satisfactory. My husband was bothered off and on for a long time with pains across his back, which at times became very severe. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, and procured a box from W. L. Wood's drug store. He used them, and in a very short time was rid of the backache. I always keep Doan's Kidney Pills on hand, and would not be without them."

For sale by all druggists; 50 cents. Foster-McMullen Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

1903-1904.

The Maine Register

Contains Complete Business Directories of 20 Cities and 425 Towns.

Full Statistics of all State Interests.

A new Township and Railroad Map of Maine, revised to date.

Every OFFICE and HOME needs it for handy reference.

PRICE POSTPAID, \$2.00.

GRENVILLE M. DONHAM,

PUBLISHER,

90 Congress St., Opp. City Bld. PORTLAND, MAINE.

Constantly in Stock for Sale. New Hampshire and Vermont Registers (paper), 25c each. Massachusetts Year Book, enlarged edition (cloth), \$3.00. New England Directory (latest edition), price, \$7.50.

They Cure! Harvard Headache Powders

Will be found to give immediate relief in all cases of Nervous, Neuralgia, and Sick Headache. 25 cents per box. Prepared and Sold by

F. A. SHURTLEFF & CO., SOUTH PARIS, MAINE.

Mail orders promptly filled.

C. T. NEVENS,

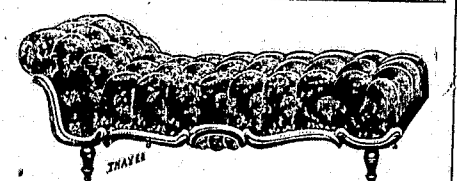
Manufacturer and Dealer in

CARRIAGES and SLEIGHS

Carriage Stock and Wheels for Sale

Repairing of all kinds

Junction Turner and Pleasant Streets AUBURN, MAINE.



THIS HANDSOME COUCH and 200 other Premiums.

given with assortment of our Soaps, Extracts, Spices, Tea, Coffee, Toilet Goods and Standard Groceries. Send at once for our big catalogue of premiums.

HOME SUPPLY COMPANY, Dep. P., Augusta, Me.

Mend Your Own Holes

in granite, tinware, milk pans and all kitchen utensils with

"Easy Rivets"

Better than solder. Anyone can use them. Package by mail, 25c. Agents wanted. F. S. GLIDDEN, BATAVIA, N. Y.



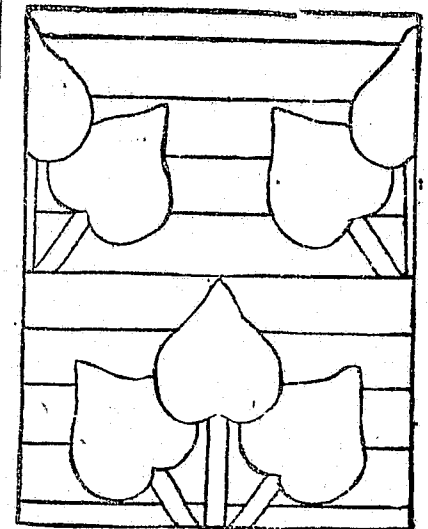
PARKER'S HAIR BALM

Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never fails to restore the Gray Hair to its youthful color. Cures scalp diseases and itching humors. 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

THE QUILTING BEE.

Is Likely to Become Quite a Social Function Many Still Stick to the Old Fashioned Designs.

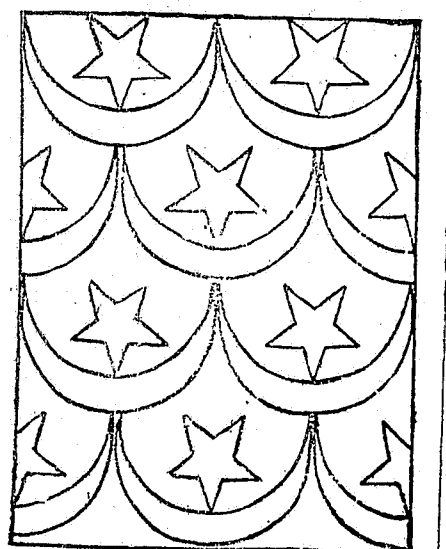
The quilting bee is likely to become an accepted social function not only of the rural districts, but among city dwellers. The advantage of the old-fashioned "pieced quilt" are again being recognized and the handiwork involved in the quilting is receiving ardent appreciation. Indeed it is the quilting rather than the piecing which is receiving marked attention, although the designer of log cabins and star patterns is perhaps only a step removed in popularity.



Egyptian Pattern.

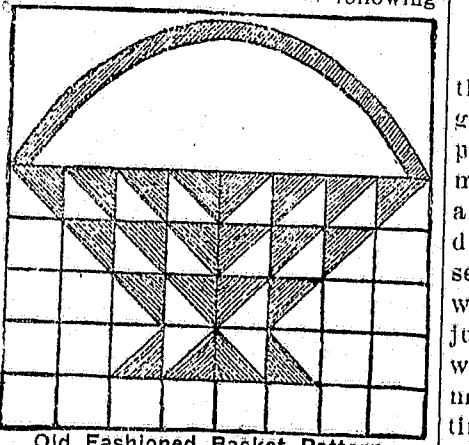
So widely spread is the interest in quilts that the art embroidery houses now issue perforated stamping patterns or quilting designs and lists of several hundred patterns for piecing. Some of the modern designs for quilting are elaborate; others, no less so, are a return to the style of our grandmothers. Essentially new in effect are the Egyptian pattern and the ivy leaf, while among the old time patterns are the star and crescent and the shell.

In our grandmothers' day, when there were no patterns to be purchased—and it is doubtful if our thrifty grandmothers would have bought them if there had been—designs were cut from cardboard and were loaned or exchanged in a spirit of mutual helpfulness. Many of the old quilts were made from white muslin. An elaborate pattern was drawn and the parts were stuffed as the work progressed, leaving the finished design in prominent relief. No outer spreads were used in those days, and the elaborate pattern of such a quilt was not hidden from view.



Star and Crescent.

All sorts of devices were resorted to for designs. A flower center was encircled by rows of stitching marked by means of plates of various sizes. The shell pattern was made by using a piece of string doubled and tied with three knots at equal distances. Starting at one corner of the quilt a pencil was placed in the end loop, the first knot was held firmly on the corner with the thumb, and a quarter circle marked. Then the second knot was held at the corner and a second quarter circle marked, and this was repeated with the third knot. The first knot was then placed at the upper edge of the third circle and the process repeated, continuing the entire length of the quilt and following



Old Fashioned Basket Pattern.

one row with another. The marking was usually done after the quilt was placed upon the frames, working a short distance ahead, as the quilt was rolled. At some of the modern bees, however, it has been found that more accurate marking can be done, and the time of the quilters saved, if the entire cover is marked before it is placed upon the frames. If one of the modern stamping patterns is used the same rule holds goods, and the entire surface is stamped by repeating the pattern before the quilting is begun.

Chocolate Cake.

Cream, 1 cup sugar with a scant half cup of butter, add 2 eggs (slightly beaten), 1/4 cup milk, 1-1/8 cup bread flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder and 1/2 cup dry cocoa or 1/2 cup grated and melted chocolate. Be sure and use bread flour and a moderately hot oven. If too hot it will burn easily.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through the veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits.

by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. Send for a free sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, "Swamp-Root," Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

How Stamps are Made.

Situated at Washington, within the shadow of the "Washington Monument," stand the "bureau of engraving and printing," Uncle Sam's giant stamp-mint. The average number of stamps printed per day is between ten and twenty millions; but under stress of unusual conditions when the great print shop is going night and day, as high as forty million stamps have been printed in twenty-four hours.

The original plate bearing a stamp design is never used in actual printing. It is baked very hard and then used as a steel die to make impressions on soft steel, and these last, after hardening, are used for the printing. The stamps are printed in square sheets of four hundred each, and all of the printing is done in one room. This room, known as the "Bee Hive," contains over three hundred hand presses, and the ink is applied by hand to these machines.

Gumming the stamps is an important operation, and innumerable precautions are taken to make the gum harmless to the person who applies his tongue to this sticky stuff. The gumming is done by an electrical machine, and afterwards the stamps are carried by an endless chain through a long miniature wooden tunnel where the temperature is 130 degrees F., and from which they emerge perfectly dry.

The grade of mucilage is changed in winter and summer to prevent the stamps from sticking. The mucilage is harder in summer and softer in winter. The gum is prepared by a special formula; three large kettles are in the basement of the building to boil this harmless concoction.

Such is the method of making these useful portraits, which cost Uncle Sam less than 5 cents a thousand.

Triumphs of Modern Surgery.

Wonderful things are done for the human body by surgery. Organs are taken out and scraped and polished and put back, or they may be removed entirely; bones are spliced; pipes take the place of diseased sections of veins; anti-septic dressings are applied to wounds, bruises, burns and like injuries before inflammation sets in, which causes them to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the old treatment. Chamberlain's Pain Balm act on this same principle. It is an anti-septic and when applied to such injuries, causes them to heal very quickly. It also allays the pain and soreness. Keep a bottle of Pain Balm in your home and it will save you time and money, not to mention the inconvenience and suffering which such injuries entail.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tobberts, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

BAIT FOR THE SHOPPING GIRL.

Foxy Farmer Seemed to Know What Pleased the City Dames.

They've two girls from New York visitin' up at Taylor's house," said the village hackman as he moved toward the stove in the store at Cross roads. "I druv 'em out last night from the 8.30."

"That so?" responded Hiram, with a show of interest, as he began to rearrange sundry articles of perfumery, soap, candy and other things dear to the feminine mind. The hackman watched him.

"What ye doin' that fer?" he asked. "Taint likely them city girls is coming down to buy any of your stuff."

"Mebbe and mebbe not," replied Hiram, going on with his work. "But my experience is you can't tell much about them New York girls. They'll be down here sleighin' to-day with the Taylor girls, sure's eggs. Them city girls can't help shoppin' any more'n they can help breathin'. They see so many fine things in their big stores that they must buy whether they want anything or not, and some times whether they have any money with 'em or not. City storekeepers ain't above trustin' an honest face, any more'n I am. Them girls get in the habit of shoppin', and they can't break it, even when they come to Crossroads."

"If these are the same girls as was here last Winter, there'll be somethin' doin' fer me. I trusted them fer twelve dollars' worth of this sort of stuff, and they sent me the money two days after they got back to town. Yes, Siree, they did. Anyhow, it don't do no harm to spread out a little bait."

What Stumped the Scotchman.

A Scotchman who had been employed nearly all his life in the building of railways in the Highlands of Scotland went to the United States in his later years and settled in a new section on the plains of the far West. Soon after his arrival a project came up in his new home for the construction of a railway through the district, and the Scotchman was applied to as a man of experience in such matters.

"Hoot, mon," said he to the spokesman of the scheme, "ye canna build a railway across the country."

"Why not, Mr. Ferguson?" "Why not?" he repeated, with an air of effectually settling the whole matter. "Why not? Dae ye no see the country's as flat as a floor, and ye dinna hae any place whatever to run your tunnels through?"—London Spare Moments.

What a Yarn!

This cold weather story comes from Mapleton. Me: "Some of the old pioneers say that they used to have some very cold weather here when they first came. They tell of taking a block of ice and making a trough to water the cattle in, which would last until May; also of the tea kettle boiling over on a red hot stove and the water rolling on to the floor like shot, frozen solid."—Lewiston Journal.

Looks What He Is.



The Benedict—I suppose every man looks foolish when he proposes marriage to a girl?"

The Bachelor—Well, he is, isn't he?"

Wanted to Trade the Baby.

A small Manassas boy was called in to view his new born baby brother. He looked it over with decided dissatisfaction and finally asked: "Mamma, where did this thing come from?" "An angel brought it, Jimmie." "Huh, was you awake when he come?" "Certainly, Jimmie." "Well, then, mamma, all I've got to say is that you are dead easy. I'd like to see any old angel put off such a looking thing as that on me. I suppose we're stuck unless I can work Johnnie Green and trade it sight unseen for one of his spotted pups."—La Jara Chronicle.

Needed Them Badly.

Boy—Mamma, can people leave part of themselves in different places of the country?

Mother—Why no, where did you get that ridiculous idea?

Boy—Uncle Tom said he was going to Denver for his lungs and Auntie June said she thought she would go to the Hot Springs for her heart.—Yonkers Herald.

Wasn't Papa Mean?

She—I understand the count feels quite bitter toward his father-in-law."

He—Why?

She—Well, it appears that in the marriage settlement the old gentleman unloaded a lot of undigested securities.—Puck.

More Thrilling.

Ruyter—I'm writing a sequel to my book, "How to Live on \$500 a Year."

Scribbler—What do you call the sequel?

Ruyter—"How to Get the \$500."—Indianapolis Journal.

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE



FOR restoring original lustre and tone to old worn, scratched and faded furniture, woodwork and floors. LACQUERET dries over night and wears like rawhide. It will not fade, turn white or crack. LACQUERET is all right in every way for everything. A child can apply it.

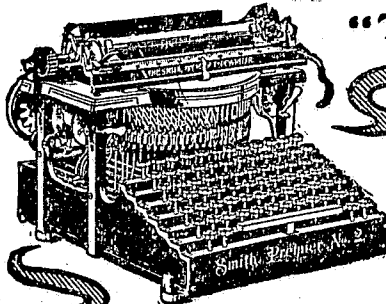
LACQUERET is sold in convenient packages ready for use in Light Oak, Dark Oak, Mahogany, Cherry, Walnut, Rosewood, Rich Red, Moss Green, and "Clear." It is TRANSLUCENT, non-fading, brilliant and durable. Superior in points of merit to anything on the market.

Ask for Color Card and instructive booklet "THE Dainty Decorator."

FOR SALE BY

G. R. WILEY, Bethel, Maine.

"Types of Endurance"



The Smith Premier

The World's Best Typewriter

was invented by the world's foremost typewriter expert.

It is built on correct mechanical lines.

It is strong in every part.

It is simple and direct in operation, and almost frictionless.

It does the speediest and most perfect work of any writing machine, and under the severest tests of actual business it wears like an anvil.

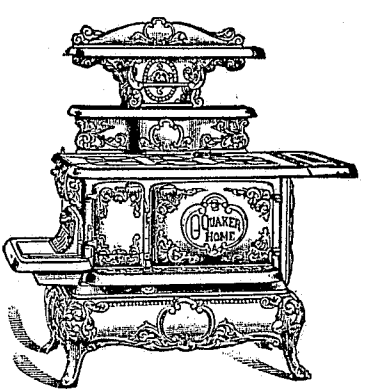
Send for our little book describing every part

The Smith Premier Typewriter Co.

P. D. Chamberlain, Agt., Portland, Me.

A QUAKER RANGE

Absolutely



FREE!

Your old Range will cost you the price of a new Quaker Range in extra fuel in a very few years.

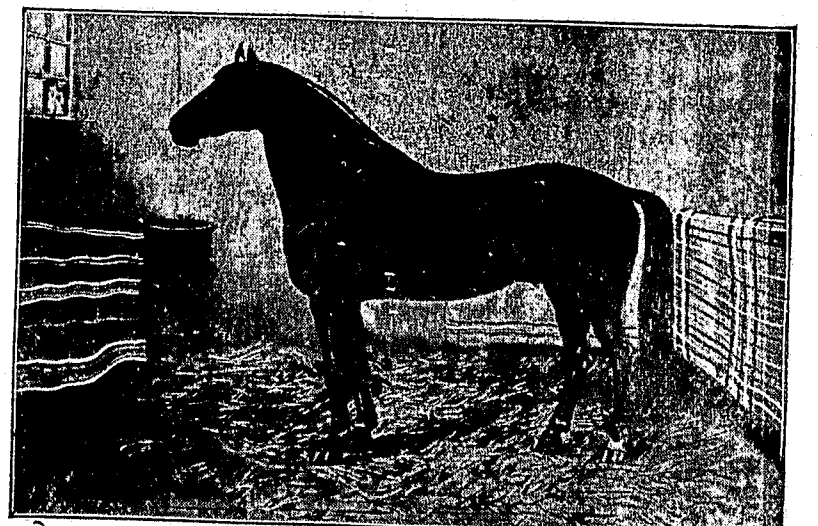
\$2 Down and \$2 a month buys a Quaker Range.

Hobbs' Variety Store

NORWAY, MAINE.

EL SABLE, 28046,

Trial, 2:30 1-4



By Guy Wilkes 2:15 1/4, sire of 75 trotters and 12 pacers in 2:30 list. Dam Sable (dam of four in 2:30) all own brothers and sisters to El Sable. One of them sired the first yearling to trot in 2:30 and sired a four-year old that trotted in 2:11 and a five-year old in 2:11 1/4. By the Moor, sire of Beautiful Bells, dam of 11 in 2:30. Farmers can't afford to breed for speed alone, and in breeding to El Sable, you are sure to get one of the following:—Size, Style, Solid Color, Speed, Docility, and Beauty, in fact, something that will sell. El Sable stands 16-1 and weighs 1200 pounds. He is an exceptionally sure breeder; his colts are all nice ones. Call and see for yourself. He is owned jointly by L. A. HALL of Bethel and A. L. YOUNG, of Auburn, and will make the season of 1904, at the stable of the former. For terms, apply to or address either

L. A. HALL, Bethel, Me., or A. L. YOUNG, Auburn, Me.

Wood Ashes FOR SALE

In any quantity desired. Car load lots a specialty.

For Prices and particulars, address

SIMON STAHL,

Also Dealer in Coal and Wood.

BERLIN, N. H.

The Bethel News

Published Wednesdays by the
News Publishing Company,
BETHEL, MAINE.
E. O. BOWLER, Editor.
Entered as Second-Class Mail Matter.

Subscriptions \$1.25 strictly in advance.
If not paid in advance \$1.50 will be charged.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.
The colored slip on your paper denotes the time to which you have paid for your paper. If not correct notify us immediately.
Any person who takes a paper regularly from the Post Office—whether directed to his address or another or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for its payment.
If any person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made and collect the whole amount whether it is taken from the office or not.
If you want to discontinue your paper, write to the publisher yourself, and don't leave it to the postmaster.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1904.

The St. Louis Exposition.

The writer took a flying trip to St. Louis last week, and although my stay was a short one at the Exposition, yet I improved every moment to determine the exact condition of affairs at the present time and the prospects for the immediate future. I had heard, as we have all heard, various rumors in regard to the Fair, reports favorable and unfavorable, and I therefore went determined to find the truthfulness of all if possible.

It is true that things there are not completed at the present time, neither the buildings nor the grounds, but rapid progress is being made and the prospects are that things will be under full way now, at a very early date. When I say that the buildings are not completed, I mean by that, that there are minor details to be adjusted. The buildings themselves are complete and the greater part of the exhibits are in their places, and the others are being arranged as fast as possible.

Rapid progress is also being made on the grounds, which are also nearly completed. There are several thousand men working early and late, in fact night and day, and it would seem to me that two or three weeks would see the work practically accomplished, and at least another month will see everything in full swing.

I would not infer that things are not in line now. All of the better things are in readiness; all of the central grounds are in shape and present a very attractive appearance, and the Fair is running under good headway with enough to see that is complete, to keep people seeing for many and many a day. It is indeed, a very large affair and one that seems to have been very well arranged, and any and all who enjoy attending Fairs, will we think, get their money's worth this year as they never have gotten it before.

A rumor has also been abroad that the public is being taken advantage of by the hotel people at St. Louis. While there I took occasion to visit not only the Inside Inn, in which are accommodations for five thousand guests, but also the various hotels just without the grounds, and also talked with others at the city, and I do not find that the rumors which have been circulated by the newspapers in regard to advance in rates, is true. The Inside Inn published its rates months ago and they are the same to-day. The same is true with the other hotels. The only thing that is required of the public is, that the people engage their rooms in advance which is entirely legitimate. The rates are fixed and reasonable, and it is only necessary to secure them in advance of one's trip in order to get them and get proper attention when there. The hue and cry has arisen from the fact that people have flocked in there, without accommodation secured, during some convention week when the hotels were crowded, and because they have not gotten the same care that has been received by those who had their accommodations secured in advance, they have brought back evil reports. All hotels have different prices for different rooms, and if people would secure the low priced rooms, they must get them in advance, otherwise they are apt to find them filled when they arrive and be obliged to take something higher.

Due courtesy seems to prevail everywhere, and I would add that order and decency also prevail about the grounds, in fact everything seems commendable, I am still of the opinion that June

and the early part of July will be an excellent time to attend the Fair, and from what I have seen, I am confident that things will be in perfect readiness at that time, and am anticipating a delightful time with my most delightful party of young people who have registered for our June 27th trip.
E. C. BOWLER.

OBITUARY.

MRS. DOLLY K. HASTINGS.

To chronicle the death of a dear friend whose sudden call strikes one's heart with a blow almost as forcibly as though it were our own dear mother, is a sad undertaking and to see her with impartial eyes is quite impossible.

Mrs. Hastings' life was renowned for no great deeds of heroism or achievement, as the world reckons, yet her life is not unworthy of note or without profit. Many there are of such women in this world. Although their lives may be circumscribed within the limit of a small circle, and their fame is not trumpeted to the farthest ends of earth, yet a silent influence proceeds from them that makes the whole world sweeter and better. Mrs. Hastings was born and bred amid our royal New England hills, and possessed the intellect and executive characteristics of true womanhood. She did not care to bask in the glare of publicity, but preferred to retire to the quiet scenes of domestic life, and from there enact the noble woman's part for the improvement and happiness of her family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings have enjoyed a long and eventful life together, and their love pledges, a union cemented by the tenderest love and greatest affection, ever made married life "a heaven on earth." Home is said to be the sweetest word in the English language, and what more fitting thing can be said than that this dear wife and mother, founded a true home where all the true domestic virtues, the tender affection, the wife's love, the husband's devotion, has filled that one word with so much meaning. The deepest sympathy of the whole community goes out to this afflicted home, made desolate in the absence of the devoted husband, besides whom, there are five sons, their families and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. Three of the sons, and the good wife of the younger son, who have always enjoyed the home with their parents, were her constant watchers during this short week of prostration. Although unable to express her thoughts, how glad must have been her heart knowing their devotion, and realizing the absent ones and husband would so gladly have been their assistants.

Grief comes to all. Silently death stole in and pressed its iron hand upon this noble life. Peacefully and calm, resting from all earthly cares amid a profusion of beautiful flowers, sweet emblems of love, we bade her good-by, feeling that truthfully may it be said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

A. M. F.

NOTICE.

To the Members of the Bethel Savings Bank:

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the members of the Bethel Savings Bank Corporation will be held at said Bank in Bethel, Maine, on Wednesday, June 8, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to fill vacancies caused by loss of membership or otherwise; to elect a board of trustees, and an investigating committee, and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting and to elect any other necessary bank officers.

A. E. HERRICK, Secretary.
Bethel, Me., May 29, 1904.

A blessing alike to young and old; Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry; nature's specific for dysentery, diarrhoea and summer complaint.

The Oxford County Agricultural society are soon to get out their annual prize list. This society is among the most prosperous in the State. It owns its beautiful fair grounds between Norway and So. Paris, free from debt, and has a balance on the right side of the account. It gives a good agricultural show, and people all like to go to its fairs because they get their money's worth.

Ayer's

Why is it that Ayer's Hair Vigor does so many remarkable things? Because it is a hair food. It feeds the hair, puts new life into it. The hair

cannot keep from growing. And gradually all the dark, rich color of early life comes back to gray hair.

"When I first used Ayer's Hair Vigor my hair was about all gray. But now it is a rich black, and as thick as I could wish."—Mrs. SUSAN KLOPFERT, Trumbull, Ala.

Get a bottle. All druggists. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Gray Hair

Republican Caucus.

The Republican voters of the town of Bethel, Maine, are requested to meet at the lock-up in Bethel village on Saturday, June 4, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing three delegates to the Republican State Convention, to be held at Bangor, June 29, 1904; and three delegates to attend the Republican County Convention, to be held at South Paris, Friday, July 1, 1904; also to choose a Republican Town Committee for the years 1905 and 6.

Per order,

Republican Town Committee,
ELLERY C. PARK, Chairman.
J. U. PURINGTON, Secretary.
Bethel, May 25, 1904. 2w1

World's Fair News-Notes.

An olive tree containing 1,000 incandescent electric lights is a part of an olive oil display in the Agriculture building at the World's Fair.

A large number of the famous old box trees, trimmed to the shape of animals, birds and other queer forms, hold a place in the garden surrounding the British building at the World's Fair. The trees are valuable, as it takes from ten to twelve years to cultivate one.

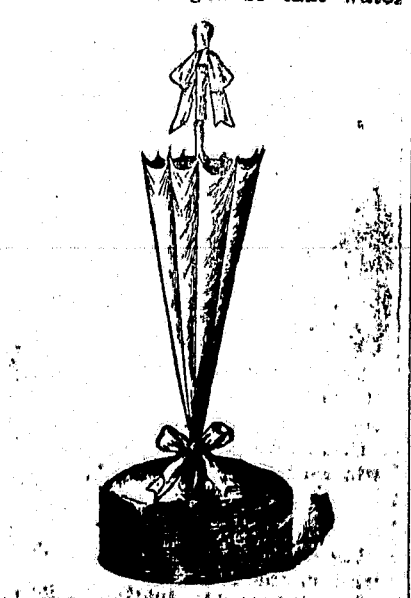
A startling and artistic effect is produced in the manner of labeling the different varieties of apples in the Horticulture Building at the World's Fair. For example, the words, "The Spy," appear on the cheeks of the apples of that variety in a dainty yellow tint. This was produced while the fruit was on the tree, and before it began to color the fruit grower cut from paper the letters and pasted them on the apple. The sun brought out the color on every part of the apple that was not shaded by the paper letters.

A native orchestra of sixteen pieces discourses sweet music in the Visayan village on the Philippine reservation at the World's Fair. A number of the players are composers as well, and have written several compositions.

WENTWORTH LOCATION, N. H.

Rev. Edward A. Tuck and wife have returned to the Magalloway. Mr. Tuck will have pastoral supervision of the work at Upton and on the Magalloway. Services were held Sunday at the new churches at the Brown Farm and at Wilson's Mills. Next Sunday services will be held at Upton.

For the Umbrella.
An odd umbrella holder is shown in the accompanying illustration. Its folds hold the umbrellas secure, and its bottom is arranged so that water



is carried through to the base, which can be cleaned very easily. It is quite a change from the standard idea of an umbrella holder, and ought to prove quite popular.
CASTORIA.
The Kind-You-Have-Always-Needed.
Beware of Imitations.
Charles H. Littleton

News' Excursion

TO THE

St. Louis Exposition AND NIAGARA FALLS

Several will go as Guests of Honor and at our Expense, Others at Rock Bottom Prices.

The News proposes to conduct an Excursion to the St. Louis Exposition early in the summer, to accommodate such young people from this section as desire to attend that Exposition, which will be the greatest exposition that the world has ever seen or will be likely to see for many years to come. We have heard many young people express a desire to go to St. Louis, which fact has prompted the arrangement for this Excursion, not as a money-making scheme, but in order to secure to all the advantage of such excursion rates as may be obtainable. The editor, Mr. E. C. Bowler, who will personally conduct the party, will visit the Exposition during the month of May at which time he will secure the lowest possible rates for the party which he will take a few weeks later. And now as to

Those Who Are To Go Free.

Yes, several of this party will go absolutely free as far as necessary expenses are concerned. We shall pay their railroad fares, Pullman service, hotel bills and fares into the Exposition, so that their only expense will be what they may choose to spend. Just who these fortunate ones will be, will be determined by a

VOTING CONTEST

Not a voting contest like most voting contests in which one wins and all the others lose, but a contest in which all who work win.

In all contests some one has to be second, another third and so on; each of these may have worked just as hard as the first, but they get no reward. Notice the different St. Louis Contests running in the papers at the present time. In many cases there are scores in the fight, but in all cases, one will go and all the others will be disappointed.

OUR PLAN.

Ours will be a Voting Contest just the same as the others, but will differ in the respect that each and every person who gets 16,000 votes will go at our expense. There is no limit as to field. People in the County or outside the County may enter. Any desiring to go under this proposition should enter their names at once before their friends have pledged their support to some one else. Votes will be counted according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE FOR COUNTING.

	Votes.
1. Each paper will contain a Coupon which when properly filled out and returned to us will count.....	1
2. Each dollar paid on new subscriptions will count.....	100
3. Each dollar paid on renewals by present subscribers will count.....	40
4. Each dollar paid on arrears by present subscribers will count.....	25
5. Each dollar paid on new advertising secured by the contestants or their friends will count.....	50
6. Each dollar for new advertising, secured by such written contract as shall be acceptable to us will count.....	25
7. Each dollar paid for job printing will count.....	25

CONDITIONS.

Contestants must note these conditions carefully as they must be observed to the letter.

1. Votes once credited to one contestant cannot be withdrawn and given to another.
2. Subscriptions discontinued and begun again during the contest will be credited at the renewal rate, even though they may have come in under another name in the same family.
3. If a subscriber is in arrears and pays up to date and one or more years in advance, the amount to date will be received as arrears and the balance as a renewal, as per schedule for counting.
4. Credit on advertising must be for space actually secured by contestants and does not apply in any way to our present advertising. Any increased business which may be secured from our present advertisers will be counted, but no credit will be allowed on money paid for regular space now carried. Should any of our regular advertisers discontinue their advertising and begin again during the life of the contest, such will not be considered new business and no credit will be allowed.
5. The same applies to job printing as to advertising. All must be new work. No credit will be given on any work already secured by the office.
6. The standing of each contestant will be published each week.
7. The Contest will close about June 20. The exact date will be given later. The Excursion will be as soon after the closing date as possible.

Bethel News St. Louis Coupon.

One Vote For

Address

THE GROCERYMAN

Gets a Gentle Knock at His Rival, the Milkman.

"I don't want to knock anybody," said the groceryman to the pretty cook, "but if I was a girl an' wanted to pick out a feller for steady company it wouldn't be a milkman—particklerly a milkman with bandy legs an' sandy hair."

"Oh, you think you're smart, don't you?" said the pretty cook.

"I never thought much about it, but come to think of it, I guess I am pretty flossy. I'm dead wise to the milkman, anyway. Do you think his legs is straight? Well, maybe you're right. What can I have the extreme pleasure of bringin' you this mornin'? I ever try any of this condensed milk? It beats what these sandy-haired roosters bring around in quart bottles."

"You can keep it," said the pretty cook.

"I knew a girl married a sandy-haired man once, an'—"

"Put down a pound of prunes," said the pretty cook, coldly.

"One extra-fine prunes."

"I didn't say extra-fine."

"All the prunes we've got is extra-fine. This girl was a second cousin of mine. The man wasn't a milkman, though. That's the reason they got on so well together. A milkman wouldn't want to get up in the mornin' an' build fires. His wife 'ud say to him: 'William, it's 8 o'clock an' the house is as cold as a barn an' the children is crying for their breakfasts.' I can't help it, he'd say. 'I'm a union man an' the union positively forbids any member in good standin' to git up afore 11. Build the fire yourself, an' while you're about it bring me up some buttered toast an' coffee an' some eggs; an' bacon an' I'll eat it abed.' That's what a woman 'ud git for marryin' a milkman."

"She'd get worse for marryin' a groceryman," said the pretty cook, "particklerly a groceryman with a snub nose. 'Have you got any cod-fish?'"

"Not with me," said the groceryman. "I quit carryin' it. I can get you some, though, at the store. Do you want 'em in bulk or on the half-shell? See, here, Evalina, you don't want to get mad at me because I joshed you about the milkman. He's all right. I haven't got nothin' against him except that he's cut me out with the girl at 67. I don't blame him for that, either. If I got a chance to cut a feller out with a good-lookin' girl like that I'd do it, too."

"A pound of codfish, a peck of cookin' apples, five pounds of cut-loaf sugar and the prunes," said the cook, loftily. "That's all this mornin', an' if you'll get out of this kitchen an' write it down on the porch I'll be obliged."

Agreed With Him.



"He—I think I'm a fool!"
She—Well, dear, you told me it was a wife's duty to agree with her husband."

Facing the Future.

"What is the baby's name?" asked the graciously condescending young woman.

"His name is Flyin' Machine Jackson," was the colored mother's reply.

"How did you come to give him such an extraordinary name?"

"Well, you see, dat chile takes after his father, an' I wanted to give him a name dat were gwine to be appropriate. An' every time anybody mentions 'flyin' machine' dey say it's sumpin dat positively refuses to work."

—Washington Star.

Making a Wild Guess.

"On the one hand," said the teacher at the night school, pointing a long finger at the map on the blackboard, "in the present complication is Russia. On the other hand"

Here he paused and looked sternly at the shock headed boy. "On the other hand"

"Warts?" hazarded the shock headed boy, helpless with terror.—Chicago Tribune.

Dissembling.

"That man in there is a hypocrite," said Jackson as he left the drug store.

"You mean the druggist?"

"Yes. When I went in I interrupted him in the midst of compounding a prescription; I told him I wanted a two-cent stamp, and he smiled as sweetly as if he was glad to see me."

—Philadelphia Press.

What She Did.

"And what did you do when your doctor told you you would have to quit wearing a corset and give up sweets?"

"I went for another doctor."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Karo
CORN SYRUP
is not a molasses, but a pure, wholesome syrup fit to eat.
All grocers, 10c, 25c, 50c.
The Great Spread
For Daily Bread.

WEST BETHEL

All the Latest News from Neighbors.

Good-by, sweet May!
Leafy, lovely June.

Beautiful birds and blooming flowers.

Why go to the St. Louis Fair when the world is in Maine?

Mrs. L. C. Bean and Hazel are boarding with Sarah W. Brown.

Mrs. Mabel Davis and Alberta of Portland visit here last week.

A petition is being circulated for a new R. F. D. route through the town to Mass. Albany.

Otis N. Mason of Everett visited his mother, sister and relatives here last week.

Mrs. Lottie Pitts of Eastfield visited relatives and friends in this village last week.

Herbert E. Mason's home broken into one day last week during a few hours' absence, family, and a small sum of money stolen.

Thomas Vashaw has been added to his hen-house, tends to find out if there's money to be made in the business.

Elbert Briggs is this week his sister Mrs. Etta Cummings Albany and next week from there to Northwest to visit another sister, Mrs. Alice Holt.

Tried an Experiment

Mr. N. Avery, Delhi, N. H., two houses exactly alike painted them: one Devoe lead zinc; the other barytes and zinc. He paid same price for both. He used six gallons of lead zinc, 12 gallons barytes and zinc. He paid \$18 for painting and-zinc, \$36 for painting barytes and-zinc.

The total cost of the lead zinc job was \$27; the total of the barytes-and-zinc job was \$54.

He didn't know he was barytes; the dealer told him paint was as good as Devoe.

A fair example of how it goes comes-out, when you buy 'thing just as good.' Better the name: the name; and name is Devoe.

G. R. WILSON

GILEAD.

J. U. Bennett's store caught recently.

Mr. Fred Clark of Bethel, w town on business Friday.

Mrs. Melissa Bennett of No is staying at E. R. Bennett's.

Mr. F. L. Falkner of Portland and Dr. H. A. Merrill of Auburn were at Cloverdale Farm Friday and are now camping out there.

Miss Edith Farwell has gone to Bethel to spend Commencement week of Gould's Academy.

J. W. Bennett's teams are being lumber from the Lary farm his mill.

The selectmen and towns met at the hall Tuesday night the interests of the Centennial. They will also meet again Wednesday evening to make further plans.

Mr. Frank Coffin has purchased the D. L. Austin place and moved his family there.

The farmers are quite busy tending their land ready for soil and planting.

Miss Elizabeth Murphy who teaches school here, went to home in South Paris to stay Memorial day.

Mr. Ephraim Wright is visiting friends in Lewiston.

That Beautiful Gloss

comes from the varnish in Day Varnish Floor Paint; costs 5c more a quart though. Sold by R. Wiley.



WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

Good-by, sweet May!

Leafy, lovely June.

Beautiful birds and blossoms.

Why go to the St. Louis World's Fair when the world is so fair in Maine?

Mrs. L. C. Bean and daughter Hazel are boarding with Mrs. Sarah W. Brown.

Mrs. Mabel Davis and daughter Alberta of Portland visited relatives here last week.

A petition is being circulated for a new E. F. D. route through this end of the town to Mason and Albany.

Otis N. Mason of Everett, Mass., visited his mother, sister and other relatives here last week.

Mrs. Lottie Pitts of East Otisfield visited relatives and old friends in this village last week.

Herbert E. Mason's house was broken into one day last week during a few hours' absence of the family, and a small sum of money stolen.

Thomas Vashaw has built an addition to his hen-house, and intends to find out if there is really money to be made in the poultry business.

Elbert Briggs is this week with his sister Mrs. Etta Cummings in Albany and next week will go from there to Northwest Norway to visit another sister, Mrs. Emma Alice Holt.

Tried an Experiment.

Mr. N. Avery, Delhi, N. Y., had two houses exactly alike, and painted them: one Devoe lead-and-zinc; the other barytes-and-zinc. He paid same price for both paints.

He used six gallons of lead-and-zinc, 12 gallons barytes-and-zinc. He paid \$18 for painting lead-and-zinc, \$36 for painting barytes-and-zinc.

The total cost of the lead-and-zinc job was \$27; the total cost of the barytes-and-zinc job was \$54. He didn't know he was buying barytes; the dealer told him that paint was as good as Devoe.

A fair example of how it generally comes-out, when you buy "something just as good." Better go by the name: the name; and the name is Devoe.

G. R. WILEY.

GILEAD.

J. U. Bennett's store caught fire recently.

Mr. Fred Clark of Bethel, was in town on business Friday.

Mrs. Melissa Bennett of Norway, is staying at E. R. Bennett's.

Mr. F. L. Falkner of Portland, and Dr. H. A. Merrill of Auburn, were at Cloverdale Farm Friday, and are now camping out near there.

Miss Edith Farwell has gone to Bethel to spend Commencement week of Gould's Academy.

J. W. Bennett's teams are hauling lumber from the Lary farm to his mill.

The selectmen and towns people met at the hall Tuesday night in the interests of the Centennial. They will also meet again Wednesday evening to make further plans.

Mr. Frank Coffin has purchased the D. L. Austin place and has moved his family there.

The farmers are quite busy getting their land ready for sowing and planting.

Miss Elizabeth Murphy who is teaching school here, went to her home in South Paris, to stay over Memorial day.

Mr. Ephraim Wight is visiting friends in Lewiston.

That Beautiful Gloss

comes from the varnish in Devoe's Varnish Floor Paint; costs 5 cents more a quart though. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

NORWAY.

A Republican caucus is called at the Opera House, Saturday, June 4, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of choosing four delegates to the County convention at South Paris, July 1, and the same number to the State convention in Bangor June 29.

The employees of the Radcliffe, Shoe Company gave their first reunion ball at Norway Opera House, Friday evening, May 27.

Mrs. James Grant is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James True, and her daughters from New Hampshire and Massachusetts are with her.

The village schools, excepting the High, closed Friday for the summer vacation. The High school continues two weeks, graduation being June 9.

Rev. C. E. Angell is visiting in Pittsfield. Miss Angell was formerly pastor of the Universalist church there.

W. E. Bosserman who has been laid up a couple weeks with rheumatism, returned to his duties in the Noyes Drug Store Wednesday.

L. H. Cushman has begun work on the stable at his house on Mars-ton Street. The foundation is being prepared.

Eliphalet Porter of Waterford while driving through the village last Wednesday, suffered a paralytic shock. He was taken to the Elm House and medical aid summoned immediately, but died in a little over an hour. Mr. Porter was a man well liked, and a writer of some ability. He was 59 years of age.

The friends of Miss Hattie Wilkins will be glad to learn that she is to return to Norway and spend the summer with her grandmother. A few years ago Miss Wilkins was severely injured by being thrown from her team on Paris street in a collision with an electric car, and has been ill since that time.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO ss. LUCAS COUNTY.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

GRAFTON.

Fred Taylor went to Andover last Friday.

Dr. J. A. Twaddle was in town recently.

Rev. E. A. Tuck of Magalloway called on friends in town last week.

Mr. Ernest Walker of Bethel accompanied by some of his friends were in town this week.

Mr. Ralph W. Kilgore of North Newry was in town Tuesday.

James Brown of Rumford Falls is doing the farming for N. M. Brown.

Willard E. Pratt went to Errol, last week, also to Newry to haul some hay for R. B. Thurston.

Wallace McDonald of Errol has a crew of men cutting pulp wood on the farm of O. W. Brooks.

Worms?
Many children are troubled with worms, and treated for something else. A few doses of Dr. True's Elixir will expel worms if they exist, and prove valuable in all cases where there are worms. Beware of cheap imitations.
DR. J. F. TRUE & CO., Auburn, Me.

GROVER HILL.

S. A. and E. P. Lyon of Auburn were in town over Sunday.

H. O. Brown of Norway was in this place one day last week.

Mrs. P. Wheeler is assisted by Miss Zadie Haselton during her convalescence.

Mr. S. J. Walker and Eliphalet Haines of Auburn were in town recently.

Mrs. Hetty Blake of Milan, N. H., is visiting relatives in town this week.

Fred E. Wheeler is taking a vacation.

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lyon, 30 Lake Street, Auburn, May 22.

CONTINUE

Those who are gaining flesh and strength by regular treatment with

Scott's Emulsion

should continue the treatment in hot weather; smaller dose and a little cool milk with it will do away with any objection which is attached to fatty products during the heated season.

Send for free sample. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409-415 Pearl Street, New York. 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

EAST BETHEL.

Mrs. Katie Holt recently sold two car loads of pressed hay to Mr. A. M. Carter which he shipped to Berlin, N. H.

Miss Lillian G. Simpson of Massachusetts is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bean.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bartlett came on a carriage drive from Phillips last Saturday and visited relatives here.

Miss Susie Bean gave a Whist party in honor of her cousin last Thursday evening.

Mr. Nelson Austin has sold his interest in the homestead farm here and moved to Denmark for the summer.

Mr. N. F. Swan has returned home from Washington, D. C., where he has been spending the past six months.

LOCKE MILLS.

Mrs. Chas. Herrick is on the sick list.

Mrs. Frank Purington who has been quite ill, is able to be out.

The dance given by the V. I. S., Friday evening, May 27, was a very enjoyable affair.

Mrs. Lillian Sturges of Everett, Mass., has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Farnham.

Rossie Martin who has been ill with the measles, has recovered, and is able to be about his work.

Mr. Eben Rand and daughter, Miss Caddie Rand, drove up from Leeds Sunday, and visited his son, W. B. Rand, and daughter, Mrs. Mattie Swift.

Republican County Convention.

The Republican voters of the County of Oxford, in the State of Maine, are requested to meet at the Court House at South Paris, on Friday the 1st day of July, A. D., 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following county officers to be supported at the September election, to wit: Senator, Judge of Probate, Register of Probate, County Treasurer, County Attorney, one County Commissioner, and Sheriff. Also to choose a Republican County Committee for the years 1905 and 1906.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each town and plantation organized for election purposes will be entitled to one delegate, and for each 75 votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1902 an additional delegate and for a fraction of 40 votes in excess of 75 votes an additional delegate.

The Republican County Committee will be in session at the Court House at South Paris, at 9 o'clock on the morning of the convention for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates.

Delegates in order to be eligible to participate in the convention must be elected subsequent to the date of the call for this convention.

Per order Republican County Committee.

H. H. HASTINGS, Chairman.
ARTHUR E. FORBES, Secretary.
Dated at South Paris, Maine, May 9, 1904.

Under this call, the several towns and plantations in Oxford County will be entitled to the number of delegates given below:

Albany,	1	Norway,	4
Andover,	2	Oxford,	3
Bethel,	3	Paris,	5
Brownfield,	3	Peru,	1
Buckfield,	1	Porter,	2
Byron,	1	Rumford,	7
Canton,	3	Roxbury,	1
Denmark,	1	Stow,	1
Dixfield,	2	Stoneham,	2
Fryeburg,	3	Sumner,	2
Gilead,	1	Sweden,	1
Grafton,	1	Upton,	1
Greenwood,	1	Waterford,	1
Hanover,	1	Woodstock,	2
Hartford,	1	PLANTATIONS:	3
Hebron,	1	Lincoln,	1
Hiram,	2	Magalloway,	1
Lovell,	2	Milton,	1
Mason,	1	Mexico,	4
Mexico,	4	Newry,	1
Newry,	1	Total,	74

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

IS WOMAN ALWAYS BOSS?

So it Would Seem According to this Man's Experiment.

In Buffalo recently Owen Wister swapped stories with a party of friends till early in the morning. The conversation at last touched upon a woman's influence in domestic circles, and one of the group reminded Mr. Wister of his declaration that the east is the head of the country and the west the heart.

"And in the heart of the country how does woman rank as the head of the house?" asked one. "Does she boss her husband as she does here in the east?"

"Well," drawled Mr. Wister, "I've heard it said that wherever Americans live the woman is the boss of the ranch. As to the west, I'll tell you a little story that may illustrate her status. Up in the Wind river country there lives an old man who is considered well-to-do in worldly goods and has an only son, Hank. Hank wanted to get married, but his father opposed him.

"My boy," said the old man, "all women are natural bosses. If you get hitched you will no longer be free. Your mother has bossed me and your wife will boss you. Keep single and enjoy life."

"But the young man pooh-poohed the idea and said that no woman would ever henpeck him, and that he knew lots of married men who led happy, untrammelled lives.

"Tell you what I'll do," at last said his father. "You take a span of my best horses, hitch them into the buckboard, take a crate of fresh eggs and drive round and see your friends. Whenever you find a woman who runs the ranch give her an egg. If you find a man who is boss give him a hoss and the buckboard and ride the other critter home. If you come back hossback I won't say a word about your getting hitched."

"Hank smiled, it seemed so easy. Next morning he got off bright and early and commenced going the rounds.

"Who's boss?" he would ask, as he drove up to each ranch or dug-out.

"I be," the woman would reply. "At last Hank began to smile and began to get anxious. At first it seemed play to him, but now he realized that he must earn a wife. All day long he canvassed the Wind river country, and at every stop was met with the feminine declaration, 'I be.'"

"Toward nightfall he thought of one place where he couldn't help winning. He had refrained from going there as he thought it was hardly fair to the old man. It was Bill Williams' place, up under the mountains. Bill had a bad name and was said to be hard and over-bearing in his own humble home. Other unsavory stories were told about Bill, and it was even hinted that he was a rustler. So Hank felt that his father would have barred the bad man from the contest. But Hank had determined not to ride home in the buck board, and so he turned his horses towards Bill's home.

"He arrived at nightfall. 'Hello, Bill,' he cried. 'I want to know who's boss of this ranch?'

"Blankety-blank-blank," cried Bill, coming to the door, unkempt and disheveled. 'Who in blankety-blank-blank do you s'pose is boss? I be, of course. 'Unhitch a horse,' said Hank, with a sigh of relief. 'Take your pick.'"

"Bill had unhitched horses in the past with less formal invitations than this, and he at once stepped out to the wagon and said: 'I'll take the off one.'"

"No, ye won't, Bill Williams," cried a shrill voice from the door, and a little thin, faded looking woman came in view. 'No, ye won't. Ye'll take th' high one.'"

"I'll take the off one," growled Bill, with an oath.

"Do it if ye dare!" challenged the woman.

"Bill stood silent for a moment, and then said, 'Wal, blank it all, I'll take the high one, then.'"

"Here, give her an egg, and picking up his reins, drove off on the jump, just as Bill protruded his rifle and took three shots at him through the dusk.

"Hank is still single."—Philadelphia Press.

They Generally Do.



Yeast—You say that waiter you had at the big dinner the other night held you up?"

Crimsonbeak—Yes, he went home with me.

Undoubtedly.

She—What silly things they do, print in the papers sometimes.

He—What's the matter now?

She—Here's an article stating that any woman may be beautiful in her old age if she will only practice amiability. Now, I wonder who could have such a thing as that?

He—Oh, some married man, I suppose.

NOTICE!

I shall for the next two weeks, trim all hats FREE OF CHARGE for those buying hat and trimmings at my store. This week we can show you a new and fresh supply of

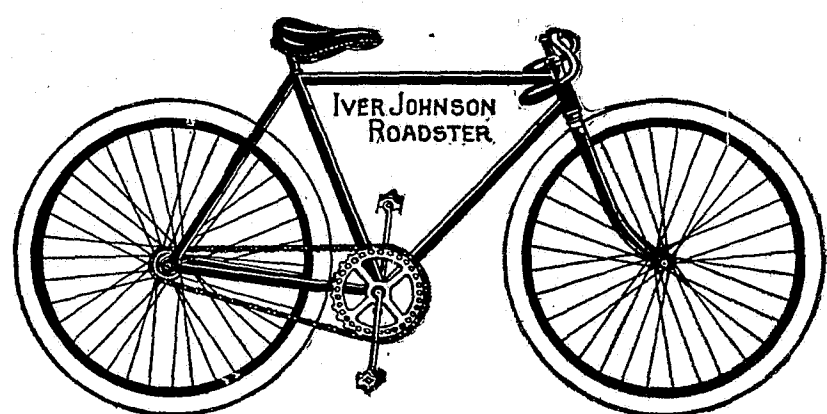
HATS, FLOWERS, GLOVES, BELTS, COLLARS, ETC.

Very dainty Shirt Waists, from \$1.38 to \$2.25. Some plain ones, at 50 cents and 75 cents.

LADIES' FURNISHINGS CONSTANTLY IN STOCK.

L. M. Stearns, Bethel,

The pleasure of Bicycle riding



Is increased and safety assured if your wheel is equipped with a

COASTER BRAKE.

Your wheel is under perfect control, even on the steepest hills. Let me put a coaster on your old wheel, or better still, sell you a new up-to-date wheel with a coaster. Prices from \$22.00 to \$40.00; your old bicycle taken in exchange.

EDWARD KING,
Main Street, Bethel, Me.

WE MAKE A SPECIALTY OF
NECKWEAR,
HOSIERY,
UNDERWEAR,
SHIRT WAIST SETS,
FANS, GLOVES,
YARNS OF ALL KINDS,
DRESS TRIMMINGS,
LACES and ALL-OVERS.

Millinery always on hand at

E. E. Burnham's
MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS STORE.
Cole Block, BETHEL, ME.

To the Public.

I desire to inform the public that I have purchased the CALVIN BISBEE STORE, in Bethel, and shall continue the same line of business as was carried on by Mr. Bisbee. I assure all that I shall endeavor to maintain the reputation of this store as far as is possible for me to do so, and I earnestly invite my share of the public trade.

Clarence K. Fox Bethel Me.

LEADS THE WORLD

Dr. V. C. Price of Chicago is the acknowledged leader of the world in the manufacture of pure food products. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder and Delicious Flavoring Extracts, used in millions of homes, have stood the test for purity and excellence for nearly half a century. His recent productions,

DR. PRICE'S WHEAT FLAKE CELERY FOOD

DR. PRICE'S TRYABITA HULLED CORN

are rapidly gaining a reputation for being the most nutritious, wholesome and best preparations in their line. The name of "DR. PRICE" on any food product is a guarantee of its being perfect in structure and quality.

Palatable—Nutritious—Easy of Digestion and Ready to Eat

My signature on every package.

Dr. V. C. Price

Dr. Price, the creator of Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder and Delicious Flavoring Extracts.

A cook book containing 76 excellent receipts for using the Food mailed free to any address.

Prepared by PRICE CEREAL FOOD COMPANY, Chicago, Illinois.
FOR SALE BY C. A. LUCAS, BETHEL, MAINE.

A Girl's Idea of Usefulness.

Sometimes a girl's plans of usefulness begin when she is very young. They appear to her at a great distance, as if she were looking through the small end of a telescope. "The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts," and the girl's idea of usefulness is to nurse the sick and wounded in war time, to go out as a missionary among the heathen, to write books with great thoughts in them, to do noble deeds of tremendous self-sacrifice, to take up some great life work.

She looks so far ahead that she cannot see the little home duties starting her in the face, in the performance of which lies her best training for great and worthy deeds. Many a girl who dreams of emulating such an ideal as Florence Nightingale, shrieks and runs out of the room when the little brother cuts his hand with the bread knife.

What a scared, helpless creature she would be in a hospital!

Another maid pictures herself a heroine of self denial, giving up all for some unworthy creature, yet she is too lazy to run upstairs to fetch her mother's gloves. Though she is not "faithful in small things," she fully expects to excel in great.

The ideal daughter is the unselfish, active, intelligent and good tempered girl, who thinks out what she can do to help her mother, to make life pleasanter for her father, and home happier for her brothers.

Doing for others when we would rather be doing something for ourselves is the highest form of self-culture, particularly if the acts of self-abbatement be performed with a cheerfulness. One's heart goes out to the dispenser of sunshine, and many a heavy spirit has been lightened of its burden by an encouraging word or gentle touch. Ex.

Sued by His Doctor.

"A doctor here has sued me for \$12.50, which I claimed was excessive for a case of cholera morbus," says R. White, of Coacella, Cal. "At the trial he praised his medical skill and medicine. I asked him if it was not Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy he used as I had good reason to believe it was, and he would not say under oath that it was not." No doctor could use a better remedy than this in a case of cholera morbus, it never fails.

Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer, the famous New York divine, celebrated his eightieth birthday quite recently. "I have never been sick a day in my life," says Dr. Collyer, "and I have never eaten my breakfast in bed. What is my recipe for longevity? Live a natural life, eat what you want and walk on the sunny side of the street."

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box.

To Be Decided Later.

The boy, who was visiting his indulgent aunt, had eaten heartily of the preserves.

"Don't you think you've had enough, Willie?" she asked.

"Don't know," he replied.

"Don't know!"

"Nope. Can't tell yet," he said.

"But what do you think?"

"Ain't any use thinking at all. I got to know. Thinking don't help any if you think wrong."

"Well, you're the most remarkable boy I ever knew," said his aunt. "When will you know?"

"In half an hour."

"And how will you know?"

"Why, that's easy," replied the wise boy. "If I ain't sick in half an hour I'll be sorry I didn't take more, and if I am sick I'll be sorry I took so much. That's the only way to tell that I know."

His aunt admitted that it left no room for doubt, but she tried to point out that it was rather unsatisfactory, to which the boy merely replied that he wished there was a better way but he didn't know of any.

Too Much Economy.

"You don't look well this morning," remarked the foreman as a factory hand entered a Detroit establishment the other morning.

"Naw!" was the response. "Ain't nobody well to my house."

"What seems to be the matter?" asked the foreman, as thoughts of smallpox, diphtheria, cholera and other diseases ran through his brain.

"Stinginess," was the unexpected answer. "You see, we bought a new house a while ago, and we economized to pay for it. We got so daddled about stings that we didn't eat enough to keep the cold out, and now we're paying the doctor the money we saved to pay for the house."—Detroit News.

Up in Yonkers.

Harry—Well, now that we are engaged, my girl is beginning to economize. You see, I used to take a pound of 90-cent bonbons to her every Sunday evening.

Fred—Ah, ha, and now she insists on a cheaper sort, I suppose.

Harry—Oh, no. You can get two pounds of the 90-cent kind for \$1.75, so she insists on a two-pound box.—Yonkers Statesman.

Also to Hear It.

Bill—It takes a lot of wind to learn to play the cornet, does it not?

Jill—Indeed, it does!

"Well, how about the trombone?"

"Oh, it takes a lot of nerve to learn to play that!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Origin of a Uniform.

The late Sir "Harry" Keppel had among other distinctions that of being the great nephew of the man who first designed a British naval uniform. He was Augustus, first and last Viscount Keppel, who filled as many signboards in his day as Granby was to fill later. Born a second son to William Anne, second Earl of Albemarle, in 1725, he died, a popular hero in 1786. At 23 he was a post captain, and in command of the Maidstone frigate. He had chased a Frenchman inshore off Belleisle, had run his own ship aground and lost her—under Mme. Sarah Bernhardt's dining room windows, you may say, now.

He and his crew were presently exchanged, and he was waiting his court-martial. Meantime, as he wrote to Saumarez, he was occupying himself, at the king's request, in evolving a naval uniform. His idea was French gray and silver. But George II. happened to see the Duchess of Bedford in a blue riding habit with white facings, which is why the navy wore her colors and not Keppel's.—Fall Mail Gazette.

It's a mistake to imagine that itching piles can't be cured; a mistake to suffer a day longer than you can help. Doan's Ointment brings instant relief and permanent cure. At any drug store, 50 cents.

WIT AND WISDOM.

"She doesn't like her new shoes at all."

"Why not?"

"Oh! they're comfortable, I guess."

Cures croup, sore throat, pulmonary troubles—Monarch over pain of every sort. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil.

Mrs. Newwed—My brother Tom is awfully irritable—very touchy.

Mr. Newwed—Yes; he touched me for a ten-spot yesterday.

No one would ever be bothered with constipation if everyone knew how naturally Burdock Blood Bitters regulates the stomach and bowels.

Visitor—You raise pretty large families hereabouts, don't you?

Farmer—Yes, and that's 'bout all we do raise.

The Keeley Institute in Portland, Maine, on Munjoy Hill, is successfully curing drunkards and drug users. ly3

"They were speaking of the actress."

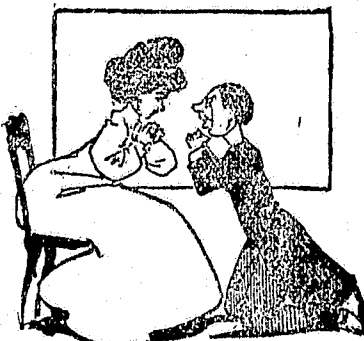
"Yes, she's married, but her husband travels with one company and she travels with another."

"Then they surely ought to have a happy married life."

Shake Into Your Shoes.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures painful, smarting, nervous feet and ingrowing nails, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes light or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all Druggists and Shoe stores, 25c. Don't accept any substitute. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Might as Well Make It Six.



She—I will never marry a man whose fortune has not at least five ciphers.

He—Oh, darling! Then we will be married to-morrow. Mine is all ciphers.

A Bargain Hunter.

"You want to engage my services, you say?" asked the lawyer, rubbing his hands together.

"Yes," replied the lady, with her eyes out the window.

"About how much would you like to pay for advice?"

"How much is it a yard?" inquired the lady, absent-mindedly.—Yonkers Statesman.

For sick headache, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick cure is certain.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

FOR THE AMATEUR DRESSMAKER

They are Advised to Learn to Cut By Actual Measurement.

First we would advise the woman who does her own dressmaking to learn one of the many good systems of cutting by actual measurement. No doubt the paper patterns are very useful, but they are also arbitrary. One must not make too many alterations when using them or proportions are interfered with, sometimes lost, and the result is lack of symmetry. For example, you buy a pattern, 36 bust, and find that perhaps while it fits at the bust it is too small at waist line, a little too short or too long-waisted, or the shoulder line not just right. The chances are that the patterns are correctly proportioned, but the woman wearing clothes cut by them are not always so fortunate. Out of a dozen women all 36 bust, perhaps no two will be found to have exactly the same measurements in other respects, and from 7 to 10 different measurements are necessary to produce a perfect fit. Many a bad quarter of an hour might be prevented if only the home dressmaker could or would have a little good instruction before undertaking this interesting but sometimes disappointing work. The only outfit necessary with some systems is the square and tape, with other systems, other things are required, but the simplest is perhaps best. As to basting, much might be said. There is the plain waist, the draped waist and the jacket or eon, in which the lining should be tacked after garment is otherwise finished. One thing must be always kept in mind, no matter what the garment—the lining must be slightly full to outside. This is absolutely necessary. Always cut lining first and then cut outside by it. Never cut darts up center until fitted and stitched. Baste from waist line up when putting garment together, from top downward when basting lining to goods. Hold curved or bias edge of seam toward you and back of shoulder seam in basting.

Ladies Tucked Shirt Waist. Displays of summer waistings include some lovely mercerized fabrics that closely resemble satins, and are equally as expensive. The waist shown here is developed in gray and blue mercerized cheviot.

The pattern is provided for a glove-fitted featherboned lining which closes in the center front. This may be omitted and the shirt waist adjusted with shoulder and underarm seams if preferred.

The back is plain across the shoulders and has slight fullness at the belt. The closing is made invisibly at the front under a broad box plait.

Two backward-turning tucks extend to the bust, providing fullness that blouses slightly over a narrow satin belt. A fancy necktie fastens in a bow at the neck, and the ends are passed through slashes in the box plait.

One-piece bishop sleeves fit the arm



closely from shoulder to elbow, and are quite wide at the lower edge, where the fullness is arranged on wristbands, drooping well at the back.

Shirt waists in this style are made of French flannel, albatross, veiling, foulard, China silk or wash fabrics. In some the box plaits and wristbands are embroidered or covered with lace.

To make the waist in the medium size will require three yards of material thirty-six inches wide.—Modes.

A Yonkers Philosopher.

Teacher—And why should we endeavor to rise by our own efforts?

Boy—"Cause there's no telling when the alarm clock goes wrong"—Yonkers Herald.

TIRED OUT?

"L. F." Relieves and Strengthens Stomach, Bowels, Liver and Kidneys. The More "L. F." the Less Sickness.

"I have received such great benefit from the 'L. F.' Atwood's Bitters that I want to tell about it. I am positive that if people would take more of the True 'L. F.' for general debility and building up of the system there would be less sickness and fewer doctor's bills. You may use this statement if you see fit."—James H. Burbank, Clerk and Treasurer, Chesterfield, Me.

The True "L. F." is a Spring System Cleanser and Tonic.

PAINTS!

Pure Lead and Oil,

Devoo's Pure Lead and Zinc,

Prepared Paints,

Varnishes, Colors, Brushes,

In fact, everything needed for all classes of Painting.

1904—SPRING PATTERNS.—1904

Wall Papers and Window Shades.

I have made a careful selection of the best patterns, and

shall be pleased to show you the goods.

Wiley's Drug Store

BETHEL, MAINE.

ATTENTION!

AT THE STORE OF

C. A. LUCAS,

There may be found one of the choicest lines of

Crisp Green Stuffs and Fruits

in the village, and a full line of

STAPLE GROCERIES.

This store is also the place to buy

.. FANCY CRACKERS ..

As over Fifty kinds are always on hand.

STRAWBERRIES EVERY DAY.

A Full Line of HAZEN'S CANDIES.

The Home Bakery furnishes everything in the Bread and Pastry line.

C. A. LUCAS, BETHEL, ME.

GRASS SEED

We are Headquarters for the Grass Seed Business, and have one of the largest, choicest lots of Seed that we have ever shown, including

Timothy, Red Top, Aliske and New York Clover,

Also a large quantity of STRICTLY RELIABLE

FERTILIZERS: (BRADLEY'S BOWKER'S and SWIFT'S

ORDER EARLY.

Woodbury & Purington.

Ayer's P

Want your moustache or a beautiful brown or rich black

STARK, N. H.

Osmar Cole who has been in Errol, has returned home. Mrs. Abbie Derby of Lancaster is visiting in town.

Vernor McFarland is working for Seth Cole.

Miss May Roberts, daughter of Mr. Roberts and daughter of Milan, were in town last week to attend the funeral of their father, Justice Potter.

Dora Hinds of Groveton, was in town recently.

Mrs. Alice Hickey is entertaining her sister, Miss Bernard.

Miss Alice Laughlin has been quite ill the past week.

Edmund Sullivan of Berlin was in town Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Dowd spent Sunday at her home in Stratford.

A number from this place summoned as witnesses for referee case, Leighton vs. Tuohy, held at West Milan the 24th.

Mr. Moses Hastings of Easter, was in this place last week.

News has been received of the death of Ezra Hinds at his home in Townsend, Mass. Mr. Hinds was a former resident of Stark.

Mr. Dearborn of Manchester was in town.

Dexter Blake of Berlin, was in town last Thursday.

Luther Baldwin of Providence, R. I., was in town recently.

While working in the boiler mill Saturday, Archer Cox had misfortune to get part of his hand sawed off.

Mrs. Annie Woodard and nephew of Lancaster, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Presiding Elder Rev. G. M. of Concord, preached at the church Sunday.

Fanny Cole of Lancaster, spent a few days with her sister, Mr. Abbott.

A number from here attended the Grange at West Milan Saturday evening.

Rev. Mr. Aken of Concord, was in town last week.

Howard Brawn is in poor health.

Justice Potter, an aged resident of this town, died at the home of his son, Adona Potter, May 21st.

Leon Farwell and family, Dummer, were in town Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Bourassa died Monday 16th. The funeral was held at the Catholic church the 17th. Besides a husband, she leaves six young children, the youngest only a few days old, to mourn her loss.

Joseph Hagar and family of Spruceville, were in town the first of the week.

Mrs. Lula St. Clair of Berlin was in town recently.

G. R. WILEY'S CONFIDENCE HYOMEL.

Not a Penny Need Be Paid Unless It Cures You of Catarrh.

"Use Hyomel and be cured of catarrh," says G. R. Wiley. When responsible business houses like this comes out and advertises that Hyomel will not cost a penny unless it does all that is claimed for it, it shows what remarkable confidence they have in this scientific medical treatment.

A complete Hyomel outfit consists of a neat inhaler, that can be carried in the pocket or purse, medicine dropper and a bottle of Hyomel, and costs but \$1.

The inhaler lasts a lifetime and when extra bottles of Hyomel are needed, they can be obtained for 50c.

This treatment does away with all disagreeable and dangerous stomach dosing. Breathed through the Hyomel inhaler for a few minutes four times a day, it impregnates every particle of air taken into the air passages and lungs with germ-killing and health-giving balsams. In this way it cures the most chronic and deep-seated catarrhal diseases of the air passages and respiratory organs.

The user is the sole judge whether Hyomel is to be paid for or not. If it does not help, G. R. Wiley will cheerfully return the money and it will not cost a penny.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. *E. W. Grove*
Seven Million Boxes sold in past 12 months. **on every box, 25c.**

Ayer's Pills

The great rule of health—
Keep the bowels regular.
And the great medicine—
Ayer's Pills.

Want your moustache or beard
a beautiful brown or rich black? Use

BUCKINGHAM'S DYE
FIFTY CTS. OF DRUGGISTS OR R. P. HALL & CO., NASHUA, N. H.

STARK, N. H.

Osmar Cole who has been working in Errol, has returned home.

Mrs. Abbie Derby of Lancaster, is visiting in town.

Verner McFarland is working for Seth Cole.

Miss May Roberts, Elmer Roberts and daughter of West Milan, were in town last week to attend the funeral of their uncle, Justice Potter.

Dora Hinds of Groveton, was in town recently.

Mrs. Alice Hickey is entertaining her sister, Miss Bernard.

Miss Alice Laughlin has been quite ill the past week.

Edmund Sullivan of Berlin, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Dowd spent Sunday at her home in Stratford.

A number from this place were summoned as witnesses for the referee case, Leighton vs Tucker, held at West Milan the 24th.

Mr. Moses Hastings of Lancaster, was in this place last week.

News has been received of the death of Ezra Hinds at his home in Townsend, Mass. Mr. Hinds was a former resident of Stark.

Mr. Dearborn of Manchester, is in town.

Dexter Blake of Berlin, was in town last Thursday.

Luther Baldwin of Providence, R. I., was in town recently.

While working in the bobbin mill Saturday, Archer Cox had the misfortune to get part of his hand sawed off.

Mrs. Annie Woodard and nephew of Lancaster, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Presiding Elder Rev. G. M. Curl of Concord, preached at the M. E. church Sunday.

Fanny Cole of Lancaster, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Abbott.

A number from here attended the Grange at West Milan Saturday evening.

Rev. Mr. Aken of Concord, was in town last week.

Howard Brawn is in poor health.

Justice Potter, an aged resident of this town, died at the home of his son, Adona Potter, May 21st.

Leon Farwell and family of Dummer, were in town Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Bourassa died May 16th. The funeral was held at the Catholic church the 17th. Besides a husband, she leaves six young children, the youngest only a few days old, to mourn her loss.

Joseph Hagar and family of Spruceville, were in town the first of the week.

Mrs. Lula St. Clair of Berlin, was in town recently.

G. R. WILEY'S CONFIDENCE IN HYOMEL.

Not a Penny Need Be Paid Unless It Cures You of Catarrh.

"Use Hyomel and be cured of catarrh," says G. R. Wiley. When a responsible business house like this comes out and advertises that Hyomel will not cost a penny unless it does all that is claimed for it, it shows what remarkable confidence they have in this scientific medical treatment.

A complete Hyomel outfit consists of a neat inhaler, that can be carried in the pocket or purse, a medicine dropper and a bottle of Hyomel, and costs but \$1.

The inhaler lasts a lifetime and when extra bottles of Hyomel are needed, they can be obtained for 50c.

This treatment does away with all disagreeable and dangerous stomach dosing. Breathed through the Hyomel inhaler for a few minutes four times a day, it impregnates every particle of air taken into the air passages and lungs with germ-killing and health-giving balsams. In this way it cures the most chronic and deep-seated catarrhal diseases of the air passages and respiratory organs.

The user is the sole judge whether Hyomel is to be paid for or not. If it does not help, G. R. Wiley will cheerfully return the money and it will not cost a penny.

HANOVER.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richardson of Boston are at The Ferns for the summer.

Mr. E. E. Howe has returned from a fishing trip to the lakes.

H. A. Staples went to Portland recently.

Miss Marion Twitchell has returned home from Portland where she has been visiting her grandparents.

Mrs. Eveline Saunders of Portland and Mrs. C. W. Cobb of Westbrook were in town to attend the funeral of Mrs. Otis Hayford.

Mrs. O. E. Twitchell was in Bethel last week.

Mrs. Forest Howe, Mrs. Edson Hayford, Mrs. O. P. Russell and Miss Blanche Russell went to Rumford Falls Saturday.

Mrs. VIENNA EAMES HAYFORD.

Mrs. Vienna Eames Hayford passed away at her home in Hanover at midnight Sunday, May 15. Although a great sufferer from cancer she bore her long illness with courage and patience. During the last two months of her life she was cared for by her sister, Mrs. Mary Flint of Albany, an experienced nurse, whose loving, cheerful disposition as well as her tender care did much to soothe the last days of the sufferer. Mrs. Hayford was a kind neighbor, a devoted mother and the most affectionate of grandmothers, deeming nothing a trouble that could give her grandchildren pleasure. She leaves a husband, two sons, two daughters and four sisters as well as a large circle of friends.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets Better than a Doctor's Prescription.

Mr. J. W. Turner, of Truhart, Va., says that Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets have done him more good than anything he could get from the doctor. If any physician in this country was able to compound a medicine that would produce such gratifying results in cases of stomach troubles, biliousness or constipation, his whole time would be used in preparing this one medicine.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Florence Hart has gone to Camp-in-the-Meadows where she will work this summer.

William Spencer of Colebrook was in town one day recently.

Perley Flint, a guide, visited his father while passing through town on his way to Rangeley Lakes.

Mr. Littlefield of Stoneham was in town on his regular trip.

Mr. Jenkins of Upton is delivering nursery stock for W. F. Cobb & Co.

A. R. Pennock and wife have returned home from their visit to Waterford, accompanied by Mrs. Pennock's mother, Mrs. Leonard.

Mrs. C. T. Fox has gone to visit her sister Mrs. A. C. Bennett of Wentworth Location, N. H.

Thrown From a Wagon.

Mr. George K. Babcock was thrown from his wagon and severely bruised. He applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely and says it is the best liniment he ever used. Mr. Babcock is a well known citizen of North Plain, Conn. There is nothing equal to Pain Balm for sprains and bruises. It will effect a cure in one-third the time required by any other treatment.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

NORTH ALBANY.

Walter Brown and wife are in North Waterford.

Carrie (Emery) Penley is at work for Leslie Kimball.

Mary Cole who has been visiting her mother and sister, has returned to her home in Newry.

Mrs. F. A. Bennett is visiting her son, N. W. Bennett.

Burt Foster, Harry Blanchard and Mr. Richardson were in town one day last week.

THE GENTLER SEX.

Miss Emma Lanphere, special organizer of the Retail Clerks' National Protective Association, who is now organizing the clerks of Chicago, comes from Galesburg, Ill., where she was raised. She took up her present work four years ago and has built up organizations of clerks in various parts of the United States. She recently returned from three months' labor in Texas, and last spring went to Paris in connection with her work. Miss Lanphere favors keeping the girl out of the store and in the home, and says that if the women would stop working in the shops the men could earn enough to marry and support them.—Chicago Record-Herald.

How many women can answer these questions without feeling guilty?

Do you wear any article of clothing which makes you feel uncomfortable?

Do you eat food which you know disagrees with you?

Do you give yourself so little time to dress that you have to rush through life to keep your appointments?

Is your bath a pleasure and a recreation?

Do you keep your feet dry and warm?

Do you drink plenty of pure water?

Do you take plenty of exercise in the open air?

Do you do to-day's work only, leaving to-morrow's burden until to-morrow is to-day?

Do you plan your work and try to save yourself time and steps, or do you dip into first one thing and then another blindly?

Do you always try to be cheerful, or do you fuss and fret and worry about everything and everybody.—Savannah (Ga.) Press.

"I always hate," said the lady who was twirling her glasses, "to hear a man refer to the lady whom he has wooed and won as 'my wife.' 'My wife,' indeed! Puff! In the next breath he speaks of 'my horse' or 'my dog.' I'd like to have such a man for a husband a little while. I think I could teach him a few lessons that would be good for him. When a man has occasion to refer to the lady who lowered herself by accepting his ring at the altar, he should speak of her as 'Mrs. Smith' or 'Mrs. Jones,' as the case may be. I'd like to hear my husband mention me as his wife! I think he would limit himself to just that once!"

"And yet," said the little lady with the rather timid manner, "it seems to me that a man might do worse than speak of her as 'his wife.' When your husband was over at our house the night before last, Mrs. Frithington, he and my husband played ping-pong, and I happened to be in an adjoining room for a few minutes, where I could overhear their conversation. I thought it sounded awfully nice when Henry spoke of me as 'his wife.'"

"Well, of course, some women are so constituted that they prefer to be regarded as inferior beings, and where a case of that kind exists it may be just as well that the husband does take it for granted that he is her proprietor. But you didn't hear John Frithington refer to me as 'his wife,' I'll venture."

"No; when he spoke of you he merely called you 'the old woman.'"

Some of John Frithington's friends seem to think that his wild, hunted look is of late more in evidence than usual.—Tit-Bits.

CASITORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Hitchens*



Big Ovens and Little Ovens

yield the same result when Washburn-Crosby Co.'s Gold Medal Flour is used—always satisfying, nutritious bread; light, rich cakes; uniformly delicate pastry. Bakers know its value from daily experience—from the time the flour goes into the bin until it is handed out a finished food to the smiling customer.

Washburn-Crosby's

Gold Medal Flour

is the favorite of housewives, because it is easily worked, yields a superior quality of baking, and a greater quantity than any other. Gold Medal flour is made of the finest spring wheat, so milled that the gluten and germ of the grain are retained, giving the bread a fruitlike or almond flavor unknown to improperly milled flour.

Free to Housewives.

Cut out this advertisement and mail to us with name of your grocer and we will send you free of charge one of our GOLD MEDAL COOK BOOKS, containing 1000 carefully prepared receipts. If your dealer does not handle Gold Medal Flour, please mention it in your letter. Address BROWN & JOSSELYN, Portland, Maine.

NEWRY.

Harry Bailey and wife of Lisbon Falls, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bailey.

Mr. Otis Baker wife and two children of Methuen, Mass., are visiting his mother, Mrs. N. S. Baker.

There will be a dance at Ramsdell's hall June 17. Good music will be furnished.

Mrs. Taylor's mother is visiting her.

Mrs. Small is in Portland this week.

Rev. F. E. Barton preached at the church Sunday. There was a good attendance.

Mr. Melvin of Bethel is working for A. B. Frost.

Mrs. Eli Stearns visited her sister last Sunday.

Paint Your Buggy for 75c.

to \$1.00 with Devos's Gloss Carriage Paint. It weighs 3 to 8 ozs. more to the pint than others, wears longer and gives a gloss equal to new work. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

Dog in a Muff.

"What a pretty little dog!" "I'm glad you like him." "Where did you get him?" "Well, I don't mind telling you that I adopted him one evening last week. I was walking up North Pearl street with A— when the puppy came out of one of the hallways and ran toward us eager to play. She dared me to pick it up and take it home, and I would not be dared. I lifted the little love and placed him inside this big muff, and feeling decidedly guilty we both hurried uptown. When near Orange street we heard footsteps behind us and turned to see a man running toward us. Instinctively we grabbed our skirts and increased our speed, and I tell you we were greatly relieved when the man behind boarded a motor car, which proved to be the object of his hurry. I have grown attached to Fido, but I wouldn't want to go through that experience again for the whole world."

This was a conversation I overheard on a trolley car the other evening, which proves that other things besides dainty hands can be concealed in a muff.—Albany Journal.

Chinese Gilt Buttons.

"Chinese gilt" is the trade name now given to the dull finished metal buttons seen so often on tailor-made costumes. If they were bright to begin with they might tarnish and become dull irregularly in spots. But, being dull finish to begin with, little else is expected of them, and the owner of a coat so trimmed will not feel constrained to polish up her buttons with a chamouis cloth.

Two sizes of these Chinese buttons are employed for the jacket of a two-piece suit. Larger size of buttons will be used in a double row to fasten the jacket fronts. If there is a shoulder cape it will probably be arranged that a row of small Chinese gilt buttons be used as a trimming, in single row here and there.

Very often there is a row of these dull-finished buttons down the shoulder seam, or fastening of the long epaulette, which comes from the neck band and runs far down the sleeve below the shoulder.—Philadelphia Record.

Strictly Pure Paints.

All Painters will tell you that there is nothing better than the

Monarch Mixed Paint.

This paint is absolutely pure and entire satisfaction is guaranteed. Paint your house this season with the MONARCH PAINT, whiten the walls with MURESCO, and you will have a combination that will please you in the extreme. We always have on hand a good supply of

St. Louis Red Seal White Lead, also Shellac, Linseed Oil, Varnishes, Turpentine, Wood Fillers, and Brushes of all descriptions.

We carry also the ever popular

Senour's Carriage and Floor Paint.

By the way, don't forget your sleds and wagons; the BLUE WAGON PAINT is what you used for them; also

Fishing Tackle and Base Ball Supplies.

Hastings Brothers, Bethel, Me.

IRA C. JORDAN,

Dealer in

General Merchandise and

GRAIN,

BETHEL, - - MAINE.

When in Rumford Falls be Sure and see Our Stock of

Ranges, Hardware, Tin-ware, Paints and Oils.

The Largest and Freshest Stock in Oxford County.

STANLEY BISBEE,

Cheney Block, Rumford Falls, Maine.

We are not doing much Boasting

About Our Lines of

Summer Wrappers, Shirtwaists,

Underwear, Hosiery, Boots and Shoes.

Our innate modesty restrains us. We prefer to keep quiet and let the goods recommend themselves. The public are cordially invited to call and interview them. The interviewing doesn't cost anything, and it doesn't cost much to buy the goods.

G. P. BEAN,

HONEST CORNER

Junction of Church and Main Streets,

Bethel, Maine

WANT COLUMN.

Wanted.

Teachers for graded and ungraded schools. Write to THE MAINE TEACHERS' AGENCY, Bethel, Maine.

Farm for Sale.

Farm of 120 acres situated in Hanover and well divided as to tillage, pasture and wood land. Two-story house of ten rooms, large ell and good barn with cellar under same. Good running water in house and barn. For particulars inquire of M. J. Swain on premises. 39

For Sale.

The following articles at very low prices, for cash: one second hand high grade Ludies' Bicycle, which has been used but little; one second hand Singer Sewing Machine and one river boat 11x3 1/2 feet, with oars.

E. C. CHAMBERLIN
Mayville, Bethel.

For Sale.

House, stable, two lots and a garden, situated on Bridge street in Bethel village. House consists of eight finished rooms and summer kitchen. Good water and a splendid cellar. Apply at once to T. B. KENDALL, Bethel, Maine.

46

WANTED—American women between 18 and 30 years of age to work as attendants in the Medfield Insane Asylum at Medfield Junction, Mass., 20 miles from Boston. Wages increase with length of service. An opportunity to become a trained nurse. Address, Dr. EDWARD FRENCH, 1y47 Medfield, Mass.

AGENTS WANTED, AT LIBERAL COMMISSION To introduce and sell "Sunshine," the best furniture polish in the world. It sells on sight. You can make money this winter. For particulars write, OREN HOOPER'S SONS, Portland, Me.

Wanted.
Wanted: Boy to learn bicycle repairing.
EDW. KING,
Bethel, Maine.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ordered:
That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of June, A. D. 1904, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

DEBORAH H. NEWHALL, late of Andover, deceased, petition for order to distribute balance remaining in her hands presented by Ezekiah H. Mutchins, Administrator.

MOSCHES MASON, late of Bethel, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by Angelina M. Clark, the Executrix therein named.

JOSEPH I. SPOFFORD, ward of Milton Plantation, petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Ellsworth H. Spofford, Guardian.

NATHANIEL BEAN, late of Brownfield, deceased, second and final account presented for allowance by Eli B. Bean, Administrator.

MARY F. ORDWAY, late of Bethel, deceased, first account presented for allowance by Ella M. Fernald, Administrator.

LUCY F. DOUGHTY, late of Milton Plantation, deceased, petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by James M. Day, Administrator.

JACOB ANNAS, late of Bethel, deceased, first account presented for allowance by Angelina R. Annas, Executrix.

FRANKLIN M. DREW, Judge of the Androscoggin Probate Court. Acting in Interchange. ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

CAPITAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., Concord, N. H.

Assets Dec. 31, 1903.

Real Estate, 99,501.07
Mortgage Loans, 104,841.09
Collateral Loans, 1,700.00
Stocks and Bonds, 21,700.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 18,813.23
Agents' Balances, 41,659.62
Interest and Rents, 3,626.44

Gross Assets, \$482,441.26

Admitted Assets, \$482,441.26

LIABILITIES DEC. 1903.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$14,208.03
Unearned Premiums, 172,050.36
All other Liabilities, 31,500.00
Cash Capital, 200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 62,752.14

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$482,441.26

NOW FOR A RIDE IN A

HEYWOOD

We sell the Heywood Go-Cart. None better. Perfect in construction, easy running. Prices from \$4.50 to \$35.00. Send for catalogue and price-list.

OREN HOOPER'S SONS.

IMPORTERS OF CHINA AND GLASS.

HIGH GRADE COOKING AND HEATING APPARATUS

(Established 1864)

PORTLAND, MAINE.

Please mention this paper when writing. It will entitle you to a 2 per cent. discount on your purchases.

HIDDEN TREASURE.

Unexpected Places Where Fortunes Have Been Found by Laborers.

Hidden treasure has an irresistible attraction for the human race. On the slightest hint from seer or fortune teller someone is sure to dig where the buried treasure is supposed to be, and disappointment does not discourage another attempt, when another "tip" is received. Very few have ever come upon hidden treasures and the few have found it unexpectedly.

Take, for instance, that romantic unearthing of 200,000 coins in the bed of the River Dove, in Staffordshire, seventy-two years ago. Some workmen were engaged in removing a mudbank which had formed in the center of the river when one of them was amazed to find on raising his spade that it glinted with silver coins.

Attracted by the digger's exclamations of astonishment and delight, his fellowworkmen hurried up, and a moment later half a dozen men were scrambling feverishly filling their pockets, their hats and beer cans with silver coins, which were worth their weight in gold, for they were of the time of the first two Edwards and had lain in the river for five hundred years. That the bulk of the treasure trove was ultimately claimed by the Duchy of Lancaster matters little, for its finders had already appropriated scores of thousands of the disks.

Only two years later a few village boys were playing at marbles on Sunday afternoon in a field near Beaworth, in Hampshire, when one of them caught sight of a piece of lead projecting from a cart rut in a rough road that crossed the pasture. Tugging at the strip of metal he disclosed a hole and through the exposed opening he saw a pile of glittering coins, bright as if fresh from the mint. To fill his pockets and those of his playmates was the work of a few moments, and so little did the youngsters appreciate the value of their discovery that on their way home they amused themselves by flinging the coins into the village pond.

Ultimately nearly 7,000 coins were recovered from this buried treasure chest and they proved to be of the reigns of William I and William II and in a wonderful state of preservation.

A similar discovery was made near Wetherby, in Yorkshire, when a heavy cart passing over a country road stuck fast in a rut, and on being released disclosed a number of silver coins, which had escaped from the burst lid of a chest hidden under the roadway. It was assumed that the chest of coins had been buried there in the perilous days of the civil war, and that the gradual sinking of the road and the weight of the passing cart had at last brought it again to the light of day.

In the year 1846 a most valuable deposit of treasure was revealed in the strangest fashion at Cuerdale, near Preston, in Lancashire. Some laborers were digging near the banks of the River Ribble when the pickaxe of one of them struck something harder than earth and more yielding than rock. On removing his pick he found transfixed at the end of it a large ingot of silver. Plying his tool with renewed vigor he soon discovered wealth, consisting of scores of silver ingots, weighing in all over 1,000 ounces.

Similar fortune befell a couple of laborers who were digging in a ditch near Gastonburg, in Somersetshire, when they unearthed an ancient chest full of coins of the days of the Stuarts. They took samples of the coins to a neighboring antiquary of wealth, who not only paid the men a large sum for their treasure, but purchased a score or more acres of land adjacent to the lucky ditch. And here the irony of fortune is well illustrated, for although the antiquary spent thousands of pounds in buying and excavating his land, not a single coin was discovered beyond those which a stroke of the spade had revealed.

This is the kind of trick fortune loves to play on designing man. Not very many years ago, when the thatched roof of an ancient cottage near Ripon was removed a rich nest of five-guinea gold pieces was discovered hidden away under it. When the news of this treasure trove came to the ears of a neighboring land owner he was so fired by the lust of gold that he forthwith purchased a dozen similar cottages in the district and had them all pulled down, but not a solitary coin was found in exchange for the \$3,000 the experiment cost him.

TOPICS OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

With an aluminum dish in which to cook home made candies, the danger of burning is reduced to a minimum. Since heat distributes itself equally through all parts of the metal, the point over the blaze is no hotter than are the sides of the utensil. Moreover, an aluminum pan in which to cool the mixture requires no oiling to keep it from sticking.

Many confections—notably the fudges, creams and pulled bars—are at their best when home made. For fudge there are about as many formulas as there are women who make it, and each pretty surely claims for her product the distinction of possessing the most delicate flavor and texture.

Molasses candy, less often than others, is well made in the home kitchen, although when properly treated there it is more delicious than the professional's kind.

Cream candies made of fondant lend themselves to great variety. For a one toned table in pink, yellow or green and white they are easily adapted. Pink may be obtained from cranberry juice or from the pink coloring sold by all grocers, yellow by the yolk of eggs or by saffron and green from spinach juice or from the vegetable coloring sold by grocers. Coffee and chocolate give the browns.

The usual proportions of a cupful of cream to two cupfuls of sugar is decreed by the best fudge makers, who hold that the less liquid there is, and consequently the less cooking, the more delicate the texture of the candy. A rule for chocolate fudge that has stood a long test calls for half a cupful of cream or milk, one cupful of granulated sugar, half a cupful of coffee "C" sugar or of shaved maple sugar, one teaspoonful of vanilla and butter the size of a walnut. Use a little more butter, if milk and not cream is employed. Bring the sugar and milk or cream to a boil. Add the chocolate—there is no need to grate it—and cook until the syrup spins a hair or until, when cooled it forms a soft ball in the fingers. Stir in the butter and, when it has blended, the vanilla, and beat until it begins to grain. Turn the mixture into a pan, and when it has "set" sufficiently mark it in squares.

If cream fudge with nuts is wanted use the same proportions, omitting the chocolate and vanilla.

For maple fudge substitute grated maple sugar for the granulated and coffee "C" sugar and leave out the vanilla. Nuts in the proportion of a cupful of meats to the above rule may be used with either the chocolate, cream or maple fudge. Buttered meats are ideal for the purpose, but can be had in comparatively few communities. A mixture of pecans and English walnuts is excellent. For variety candied cherries and cocoanuts are some times mixed with them.

For popcorn crackle pop a big dishpan nearly full of "perfect kernels," then make a syrup of one cupful of New Orleans molasses, half a cupful of granulated sugar, a piece of butter the size of a hazelnut and a table spoonful of vinegar. Boil slowly until the mixture spins a hair, or until it is brittle when dropped on ice or snow. Pour it little by little while hot over the corn, mixing it lightly with the kernels until every one has a light coating and there is enough to adhere lightly to the mass. There should be two persons to do this—one to poise the kettle, the other, armed with two long handled spoons, to keep the corn turned over from the bottom. The more careful the handling, the more delicate the crackle will be. It should not be pressed into a cake or into balls. When it is coated turn it into an oiled punch bowl or other big dish and put it where it will get cold and brittle. This is at its best the day it is made.

Leap Year Club.

The "Leap Year Proposal Club" is being formed by the young women of Dunkirk. The object of the club will be to send written proposals of marriage to the young men favored by the club members. The club will be on the order of a secret fraternity, and expulsion will follow the disclosure by a member of any of its secrets. Meetings will be held twice a month and regular dues will be assessed. The rules will also provide that all replies to proposals shall be read at the meetings, whether they are favorable or unfavorable. A young man who accepts one of these proposals will be doubly rewarded, receiving not only a bride but a check drawn on the club treasury with which to assist him in starting housekeeping. The age limit for members is from 18 to 50 years.—Chicago Tribune.

A Nerve Soother.

To soothe your worn nerves try an aromatic bath. Take 30 grams of pure alcohol and 2 grams each of essence of thyme and rosmarin and pour into the warm bath water. After the bath dry the skin thoroughly, but not so vigorously it will destroy the sedative effect of the bath, and retire to bed as soon as possible. Your sleep will be sweet and comfortable.

To Restore Flowers to Freshness.

Faded flowers, if not too far gone, may be restored to freshness by this simple process. Place the stems in water near boiling point, and let the flowers remain till the shriveled petals begin to spread out. Then cut off the stems and put in lukewarm water.

What Wise Men Say.

No pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage-ground of truth.—Francis Bacon.

WOMEN OF JAPAN.

The Many Deeds of Patriotism and Self Sacrifice Have Rivalled Those of Spartan Women.

No nation has a better right to be proud of what its women have done in wartime than Japan. Even the mothers and wives of ancient Sparta have been rivalled in deeds of patriotism and self-sacrifice by the women of Japan.

In the feudal times, which came to an end in Japan only thirty years ago, all gentlewomen were trained in the use of the sword and lance. The woman of the samurai class received a regular military education and if the castle of a laimio was besieged, they were capable of assisting in the defence if necessary.

A noted instance of the martial prowess of the Japanese women occurred during the siege of the castle of Wakamatsu in 1869, where the Shogun made his final stand against the forces of the Mikado. Nearly one thousand women and girls belonging to the families of samurai attached to the Shogun fought behind the barricades and on the castle walls. Many of them were killed in battle, while not a few committed suicide rather than undergo the humiliation of defeat.

Yet the Amazonian qualities of the women of old Japan did not detract from their womanliness. They were tender mothers and loving wives. The nursing of the wounded and sick was part of the education of every samurai woman.

With the passing away of the age of chivalry in Japan, upon the downfall of the Shogunate, the Japanese woman was called upon to face new conditions, and how she met these conditions is shown in the history of the Chinese war of 1895.

It is a matter of record that some 10,000 Japanese women volunteered to go to the front as nurses in the field hospitals at the outbreak of the Chinese war, and advices from Japan state that the number of women volunteering to go to the front as nurses to-day is greater than in 1895. But the women who stay at home are not lacking in patriotic devotion.

There is an anecdote concerning the mother of the heroic Commander Sakamoto, who was killed on the bridge of his ship, the Akagi, at the battle of Yalu, which shows how the spirit of patriotism flames in the hearts of Japanese women.

An official of the Navy Department called on the family of the naval officers to convey, as delicately as possible, the news of his death. Having communicated his tidings to a member of the family, he was about to depart, when the shoji slid open softly and the aged mother of the dead commander staggered into the room.

"She had been an accidental eavesdropper and had heard all. Trembling with emotion she bowed low to the visiting officer and said: "Tell the Emperor I rejoice that a son of mine has been able to be of some service to him."

Some Japanese women refused to wear over their dead, because it was considered disloyal to the Mikado to weep for those who had had the honor to die fighting for him. When a wife or a mother heard that a husband or a son had been killed in battle the first expression uttered, was an acknowledgement of the honor conferred upon her by the gods in being bereaved for the cause of the Emperor.

To the Western mind such patriotism appears to be fanatic and hard to understand. In the light of Japanese history it does not seem so strange.

The spirit of patriotism in the Japanese women of the present generation is the outgrowth of ages of feudalism. The loyalty and devotion which the women of past generations gave to their feudal family head are in the present generation given to the Mikado.

In time of war the Empress of Japan sets an example for all the women of the country by her activities in behalf of all those who are suffering or in distress. She may be seen frequently visiting the great military hospitals, accompanied by a party of court ladies and noblemen's wives.

Following the example of the Empress, all the great ladies of Tokio society do what they can to relieve the distress and suffering that inevitably follow war. There is no class of women that does not contribute something to this cause; even those butterfly, the geishas, and the unhappy creatures in the Yoshiwaras give their share.

This history of the feudal warfare in Japan is replete with instances of the heroism of the women. It often happened that the wife of a daimio was called upon to defend the castle from attack during the absence of her husband. She was well qualified for the task both by training and experience.

Considering what Japan has been in the past, it does not seem strange that the Japanese woman of to-day should possess a keen martial spirit and intense patriotism.

Rice Pudding Without Eggs.

Wash 1 cup rice and let it soak two hours in cold water, and then drain. Put the rice into a double boiler with 1 cup water and cook half hour. Then add 1 heaping teaspoon salt, 1 cup raisins and 1 quart milk. Cook an hour longer. Butter a mold, pack the rice in and let stand 20 minutes. Turn out on to the serving dish, and decorate with bits of bright jelly, and then pour over it 1 cup thick sweetened cream. The cream should be cold and the pudding hot. Omit the raisins if not liked.

BLUE STORES

Summer Comforts.

Don't complain about this warm weather; it's seasonable. Dress in accordance—that's the best way to get comfort these days. Every kind of Summer Clothing is here with prices at the lowest notch. Serge is the coolest and best wearing ordinary suit for the summer—still we have all kinds of homespun and flannel suits, Coats and Trousers. Thin Coats, serge Coats and Vests, white and fancy wash Vests, white Duck Trousers.

While we're Clothiers, of course—we still give our Haberdashery Department the greatest care.

F. H. NOYES COMPANY,

MEN'S AND BOYS' OUTFITTERS.

NORWAY

2 STORES

SOUTH PARIS

TELEPHONE 135-2

We Shall Move to Our New Store in Opera House Block, May 3rd.

Only a few steps from our present Store you can find us without any trouble, and you will find ours one of the best Shoe Stores in Maine and you will find it full of all kinds of footwear, the largest and best stock we ever had. We can suit you if you will come and see us

Yours truly,

Smiley Shoe Store, Norway, Maine.

E. N. Swett, Mgr. and Salesman.

F. W. Faunce, Salesman

Eastern Telephone Store, 112-3.

E. N. Swett's Residence, 112-12

GROW A COLT TO SELL.

Patronize the Champion Road Horse Sire

LOTHAIRE.

Imported French Coach Stallion. Service Fee, only \$25.00 to warrant.

At Stable of JOHN M. CUMMINGS, Norway, Every Wednesday.

Size, Beauty, Style, Action, and Courage Assured.

Elmwood Stud Farm, Lewiston Jct.

DR. J. A. NESS, Superintendent

A SIRE OF SPEED, SURE.

DECORATE

A Handsome Black Stallion, standing 16 hands and weighing 1160 pounds Owned by W. J. Wheeler, So. Paris and J. B. Robinson, Oxford.

DECORATE is called by all who have seen him one of the best individuals that ever stood in service in Maine, but look at his breeding.

He was sired by Dare Devil, a son of Mambrino King, known as the handsomest horse in the world, but that is not all. His dam was Jewel, by Almont Jr., and she is the dam of five foals, with records and trials from 2.10 1/2 to 2.20, including Lord March 2.11 1/2, Diamond King 2.19 1/4, and Point Dexter 2.21 1/2. With a dam like Jewel, Decorate cannot fail to become great. He is the handsomest horse to-day that stands in the State of Maine. Visitors always welcome, at my stable in South Paris village, where he will make the season of 1904. Term, \$25. All mares at owners' risk. Send for tabulated pedigree.

W. J. WHEELER,

South Paris,

Maine.

This Splendid Iron Bed Couch Complete, with Soft Mattress and Cover, IS YOURS . . . FREE



If you order an assortment of our Standard goods—Soaps, Teas, Coffees, etc., for your own use, or to sell to your neighbors and friends. Plenty of time is allowed before you send any money.

OUR HANDSOME BOOK OF 250 PREMIUMS FREE. It will show you just how to get what you want most. Goods and Premiums shipped on

30 Days' Free Trial.

YOU NEED NOT PAY ONE CENT UNTIL YOU ARE SATISFIED.

Don't put off for a minute. Write To-day for beautifully illustrated 64-Page Book.

Address

HAYMARKET SQ., BOSTON, MASS.

FACTORY TO FAMILY PLAN

Summer Furnishings

Are here in large variety. Articles to help you to keep cool and comfortable through the hot days. Light and medium underwear, 25 cents to \$1.00. Black and blue underwear in light weight Balbriggan for 50 cents. Union suits, \$1.00 and \$1.50. Light weight Over-Shirts in a wide range of fabrics, 50 cents and \$1.00. Belts in many shades of tan and black, 25 cents and 50 cents. Fancy Hosiery in black and gray, embroidered with fancy silk, 15 cents and 25 cents. Straw Hats in sailors, flange rim and the popular roll rim styles, all grades, 25 cents to \$1.50. Men's Shirtwaists, 50 cents.

H. B. FOSTER,

NORWAY,

MAINE.

Shirt Waist Suits.

Have you enough pretty Shirt Suits? We have just received a new lot of pretty muslin white ground work, with figures in blue and pink. They are the Domestic brand, sure to fit.

ONE LOT dotted Swiss waist with plain back, tuck front with pearl buttons skirt with ruffle on bottom

ONE LOT of lace striped waist box plaited, large skirt, full skirt with two ruffles, very neat cool suit.

ONE LOT white lawn, waist tuck back, front has insertion at the front and clusters of tucks and medallions, skirt plaited, insertion and medallions

Silk Coats.

ONE LOT silk coats, loose good lining, large collar, trimmed with silk braid,

Wash Skirts.

ONE LOT of voile wash skirts, and black, with a white woven in, plaited seams, full at bottom,

Many other pretty styles.

Shirt Waists.

ONE LOT waists of white lawn, tuck back and front has two ruffles, insertion, neat collar and cuffs,

ONE LOT of fancy gingham, several colors, all sizes, tucked front, pearl buttons,

ONE LOT white vesting, light weight, tucked front, with clusters of pearl buttons, neat collar and cuffs,

ONE LOT China silk waists, several styles, some with tucks and lace insertion, collar with tucks and lace insertion,

Other styles in waists too numerous to mention.

Thomas Smiley

Telephone 112-2.

NORWAY

MAINE

ARE YOU GOING TO BUY

A NEW

BICYCLE

this season? If so buy the

Waldo

None better and few as good.

If you cannot afford a new one bring in the old one and have it fixed up. All kinds of repairing promptly done. Nice line of sundries. Give me a call.

A. F. STOWELL,

Near Station, Bethel, Maine.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Beware of

Signatures